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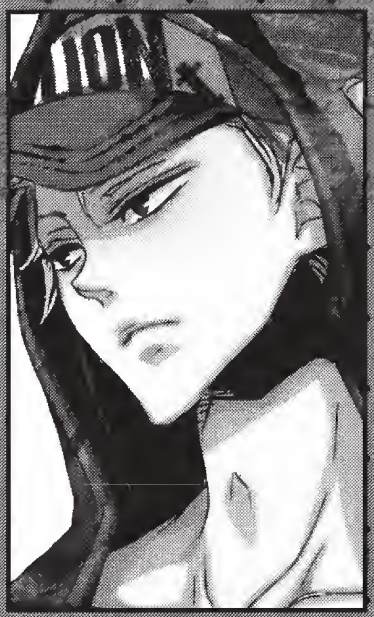
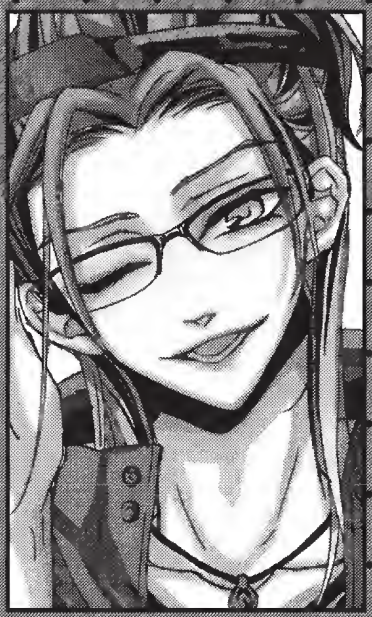
The Dictator Brigade

SENA KAGURAZAKA
CALM, BUT OCCASIONALLY SAYS SOMETHING DITZY!



KUROGANE GOJO
LOOKS SCARY, BUT ACTUALLY KIND.



MIKIHITO OHTORI
CLEVER, BUT EXPRESSES HIS EMOTIONS STRAIGHT.

TAIGA TAKACHIHO, WHO HAS A COMPLEX ABOUT HER HEADSTRONG PERSONALITY, IS 16. AFTER SHE FED ANRI, THE SUPER-DANGEROUS BOY BECAME HER PET! BUT THIS CAPRICIOUS AND WILD BEAST KEEPS TOYING WITH HER... HE EVEN FEEDS ON HER JILTED LOVE! TAIGA WANTS TO CATCH THE EYE OF ANRI'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND KUROGANE, SO SHE ENDS UP GETTING POINTERS FOR STARTING A ROMANCE FROM ANRI.
AFTER HEARING KUROGANE'S UNEXPECTED TRUE FEELINGS AT A PARTY, TAIGA REACHES THE PEAK OF BLISS. NOW THAT THEY'RE FINALLY ALONE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN TAIGA AND KUROGANE?!

TAIGA IS DRAWN MORE AND MORE TO KUROGANE'S AWKWARD KINDNESS. SHE UNLEASHES HER FEELINGS UPON HIM AGAIN...

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Lost Cat's Mischief

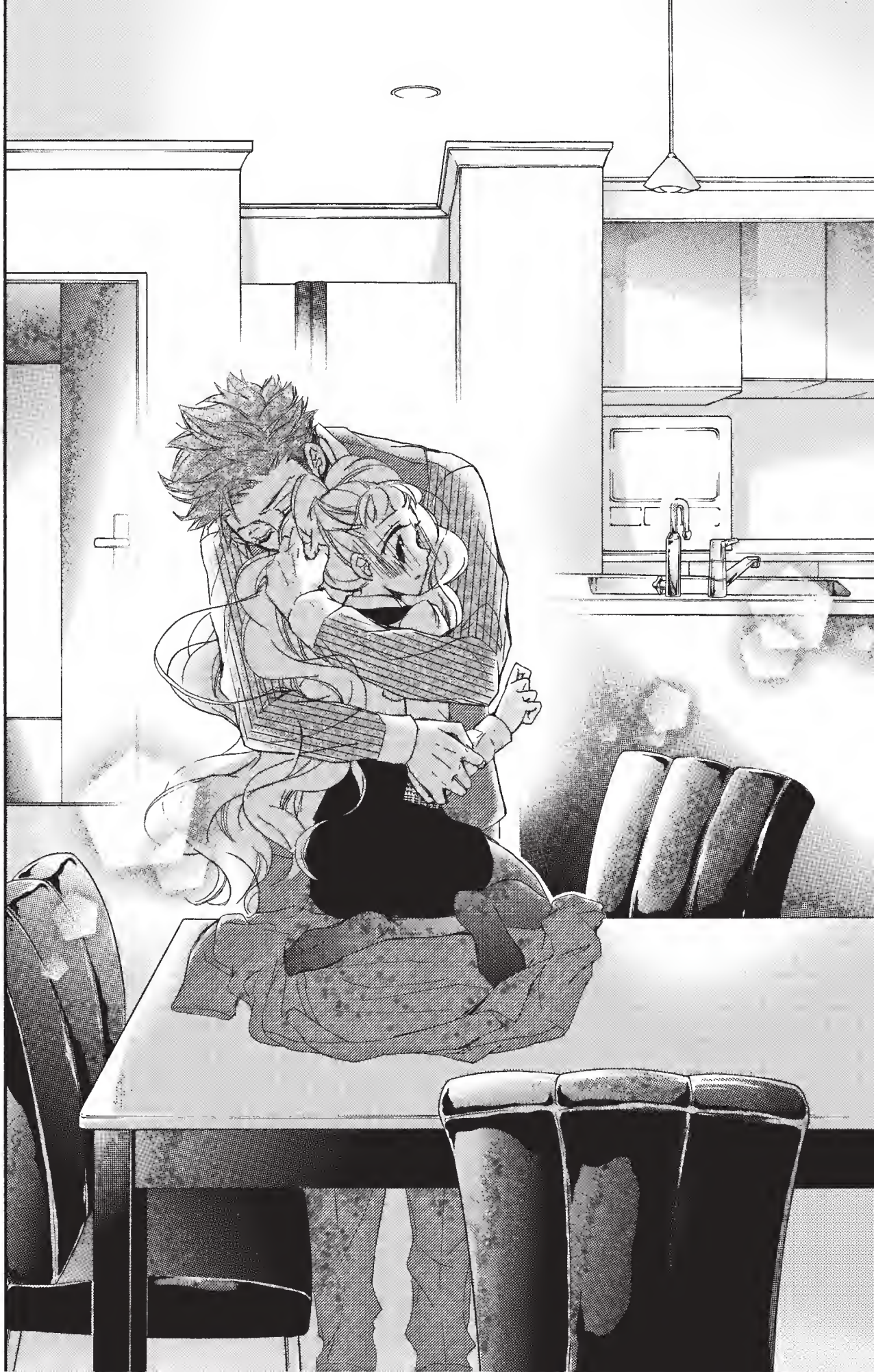
IT'S "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" VOLUME 4!!

HELLO AGAIN, OR NICE TO MEET YOU!
THIS IS **PEDORO TORIUMI!** SPEAKING!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR READING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" VOLUME 4. WOW, VOLUME 4...!! I FEEL LIKE I WAS JUST CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF VOLUME 3...BUT NOW WE'RE ALREADY IN VOLUME 4! THANK YOU SO MUCH! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! I'LL BRING YOU VOLUME 4 WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT. I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!

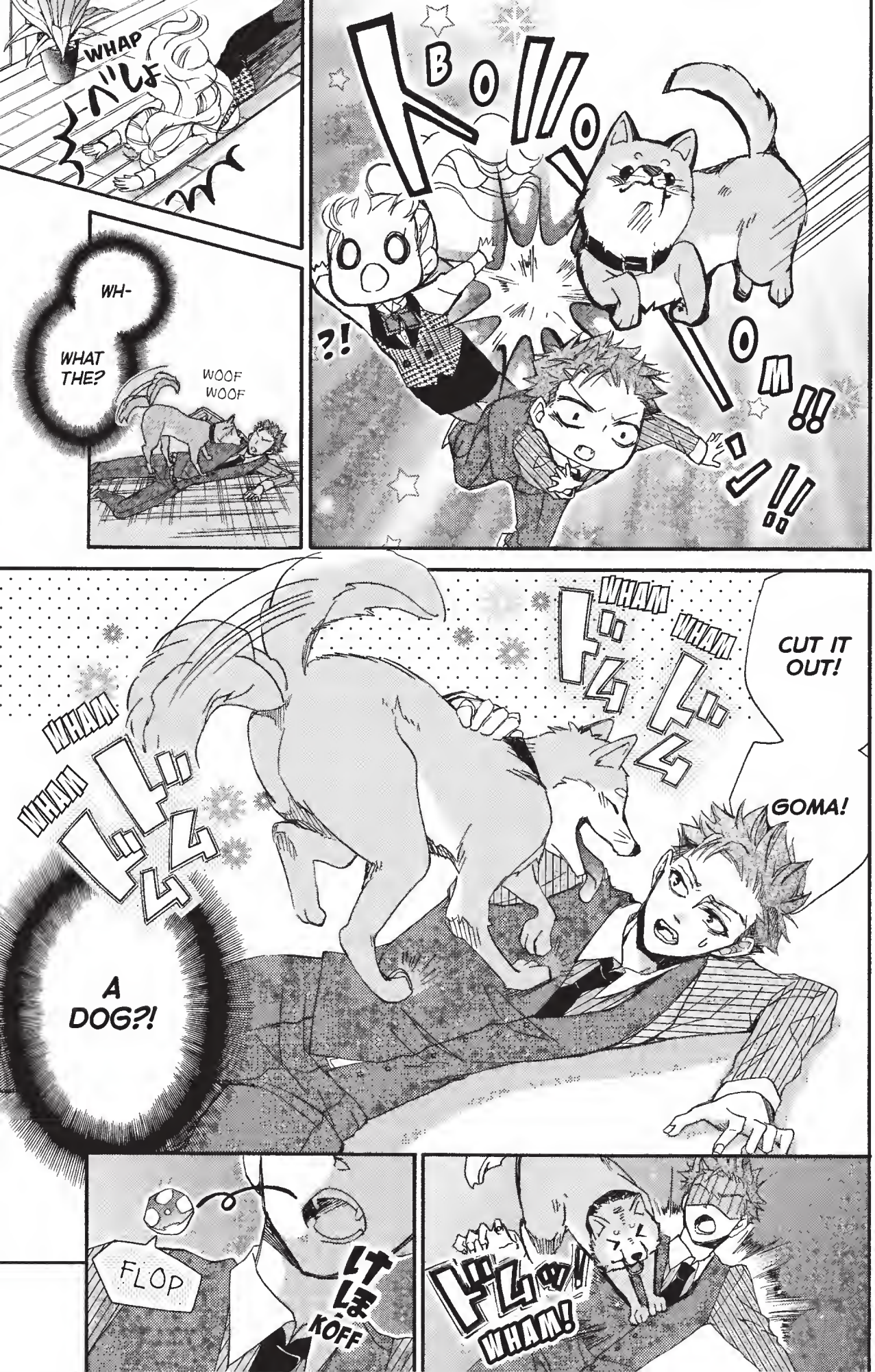
NOW, LET'S BEGIN~

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK WHAT YOU'RE REALLY THINKING... KUROGANE.
K-
KURO-GANE...?
THUNK

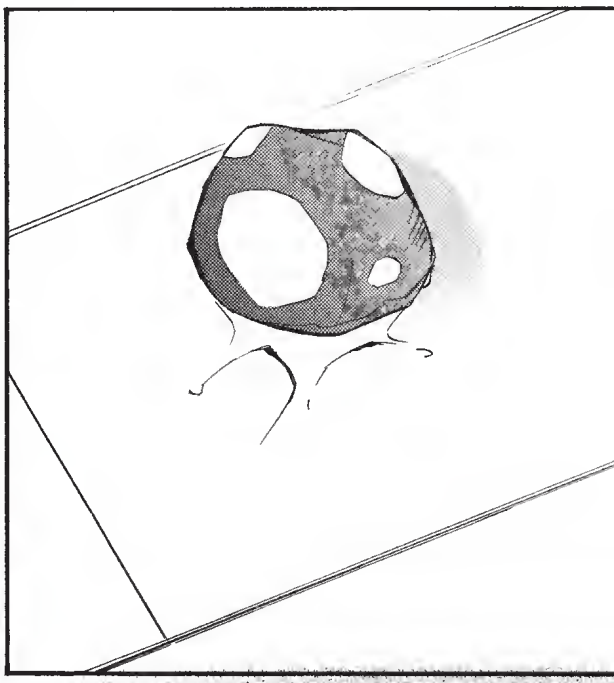


FWIP
AH...
BA-DUMP!
HOW DID WE SUDDENLY ...
GET INTO THIS SITUATION?
UM...
GIVE ME... A SECOND ...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

AH.
AH.
AH.
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
FWIP


WHAP
ベしょ
WH-
WHAT THE?
WOOF WOOF
ドボーン!!
?!
CUT IT OUT!
GOMA!
WHAM
ドムッ
A DOG?!
FLOP
けほ
KOFF
ドムッ!!
WHAM!

KURO-GANE, ARE YOU OKAY?
COUGH COUGH
ケホケホ
YEAH.



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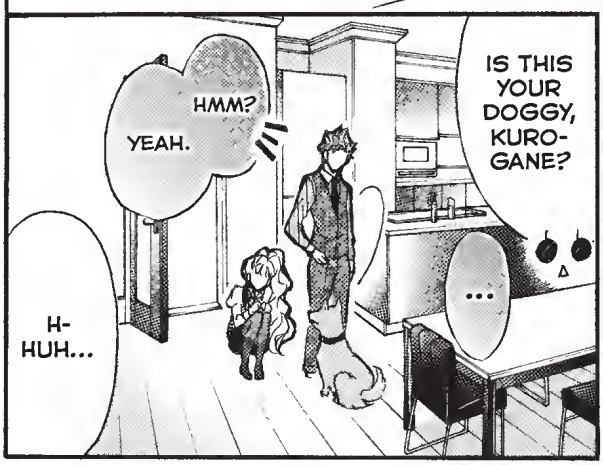
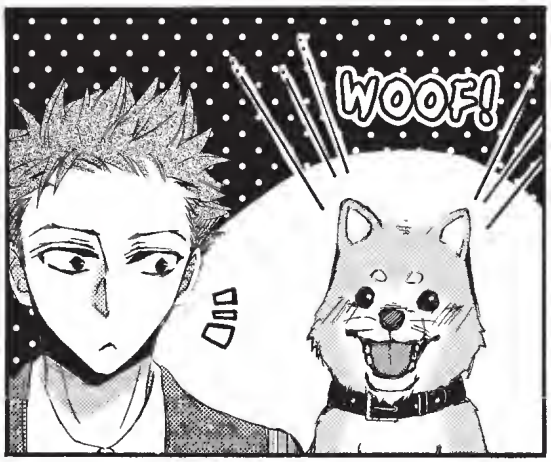
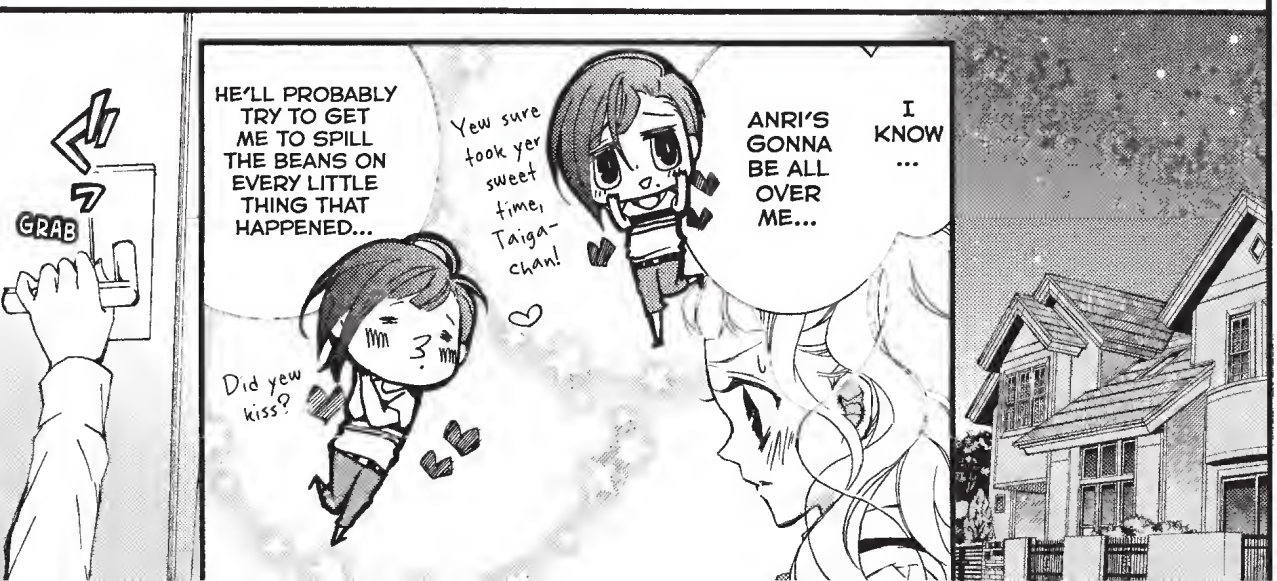

IS THIS YOUR DOGGY, KURO-GANE?
...
HMM?
YEAH.
H-HUH...

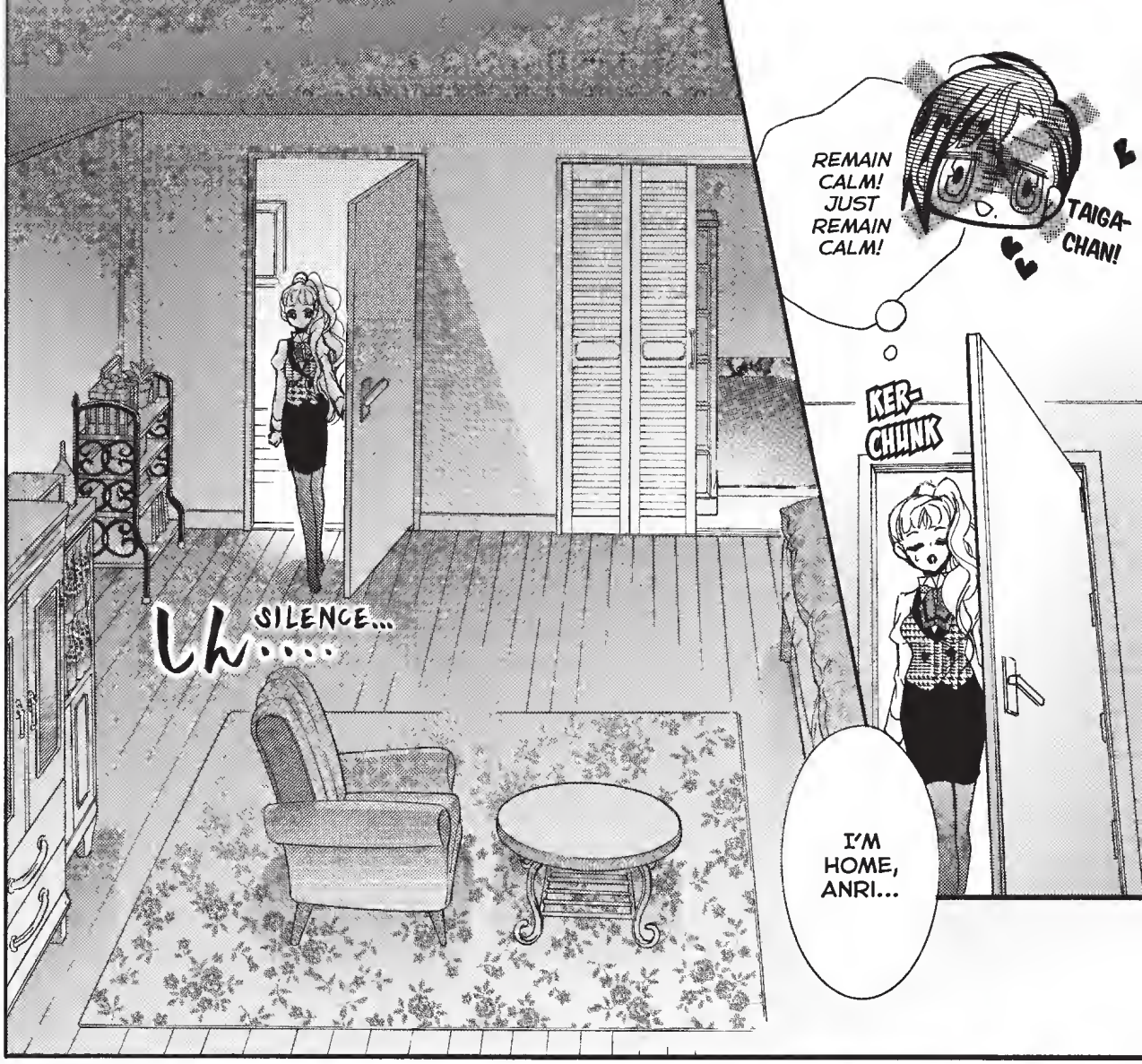

WOOF!

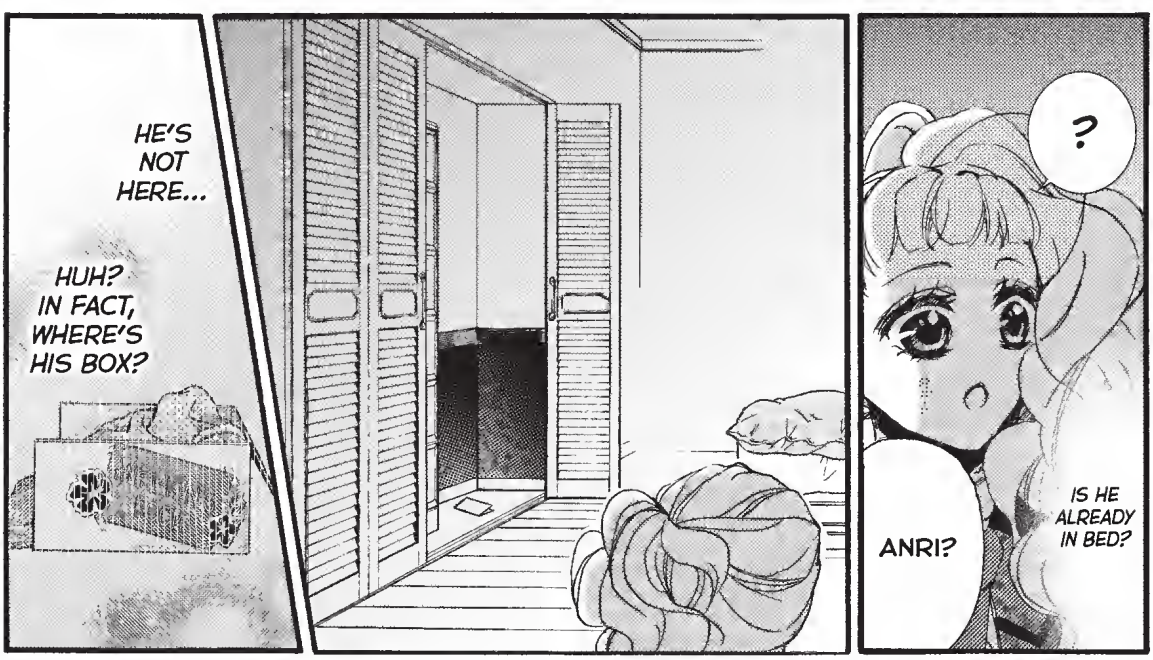
...
...
HUFF
HUFF
はっ
はっ
はっ
HUFF
TH-THE CONVER-SATION...
SCRUBBA
SCRUBBA
ガシ
ガシ
...SORRY ABOUT THAT.
...TAIGA.
THUMP
Y-
YES?!
SOME-THING WAS WRONG WITH ME TODAY...

THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE ...
SNIFF すん
SNIFF すん
...
GOSH!
I-I-I-IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME!!
LOOK AT THE TIME!!
BLUSH
OH...
BYE NOW!!
WHAP
THUNK
OH.

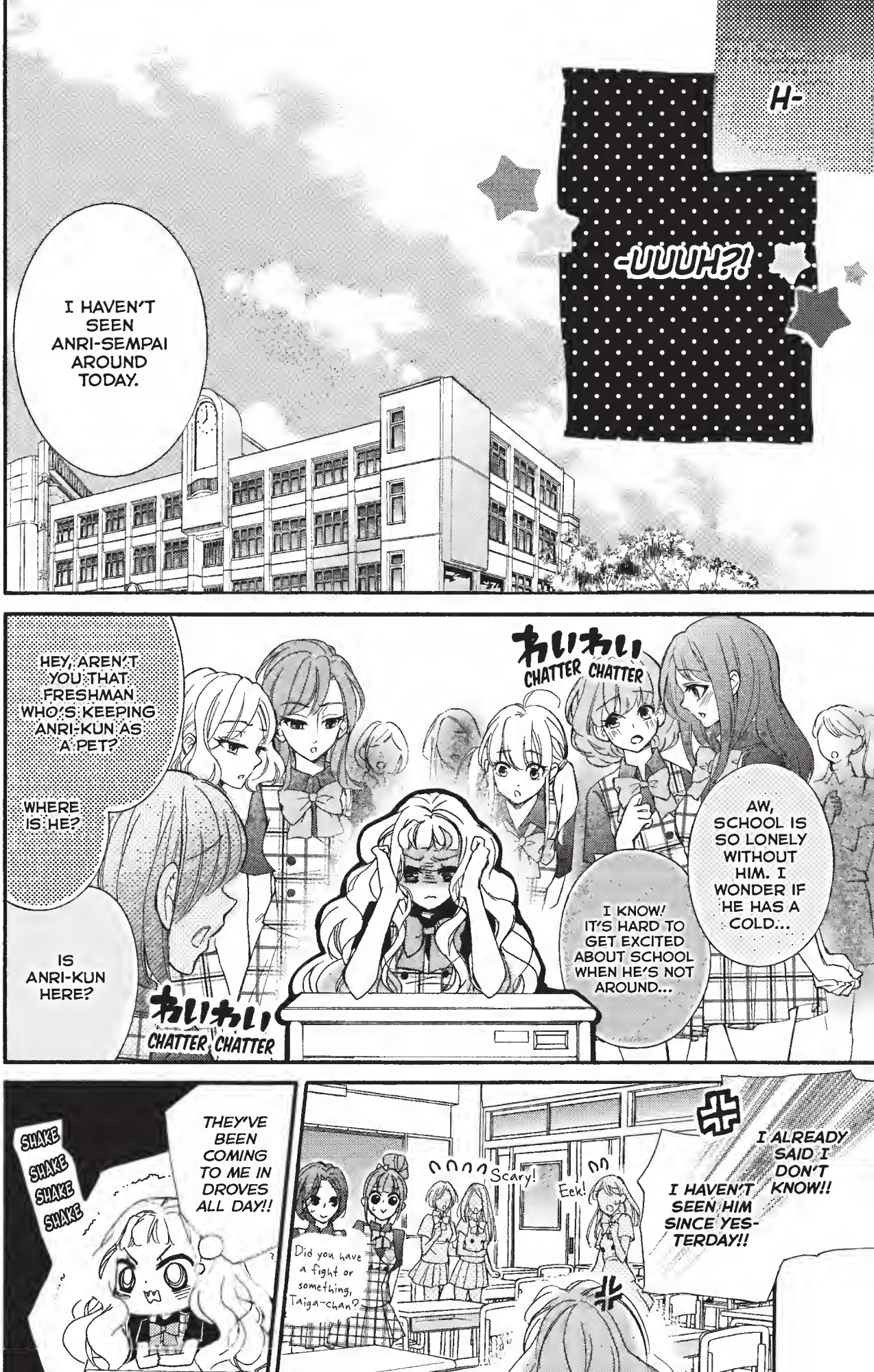
BLUUUSH
かあああ
BA-DUMP!
OH GOSH! I...!
HONK HONK
パッパッ
MURMUR MURMUR
CAN'T BELIEVE...
I WAS EXPECTING A KISS!


GRAB
HE'LL PROBABLY TRY TO GET ME TO SPILL THE BEANS ON EVERY LITTLE THING THAT HAPPENED...
Did yew kiss?
Yew sure took yer sweet time, Taiga-chan!
ANRI'S GONNA BE ALL OVER ME...
I KNOW ...


REMAIN CALM! JUST REMAIN CALM!
TAIGA-CHAN!
KER-CHUNK
I'M HOME, ANRI...
しん SILENCE...


HE'S NOT HERE...
HUH? IN FACT, WHERE'S HIS BOX?
?
ANRI?
IS HE ALREADY IN BED?

RUSTLE
カサッ…
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING. PLEASE DON'T LOOK FOR ME.
ANRI ISEYA
TO TAIGA-CHAN
HMM?

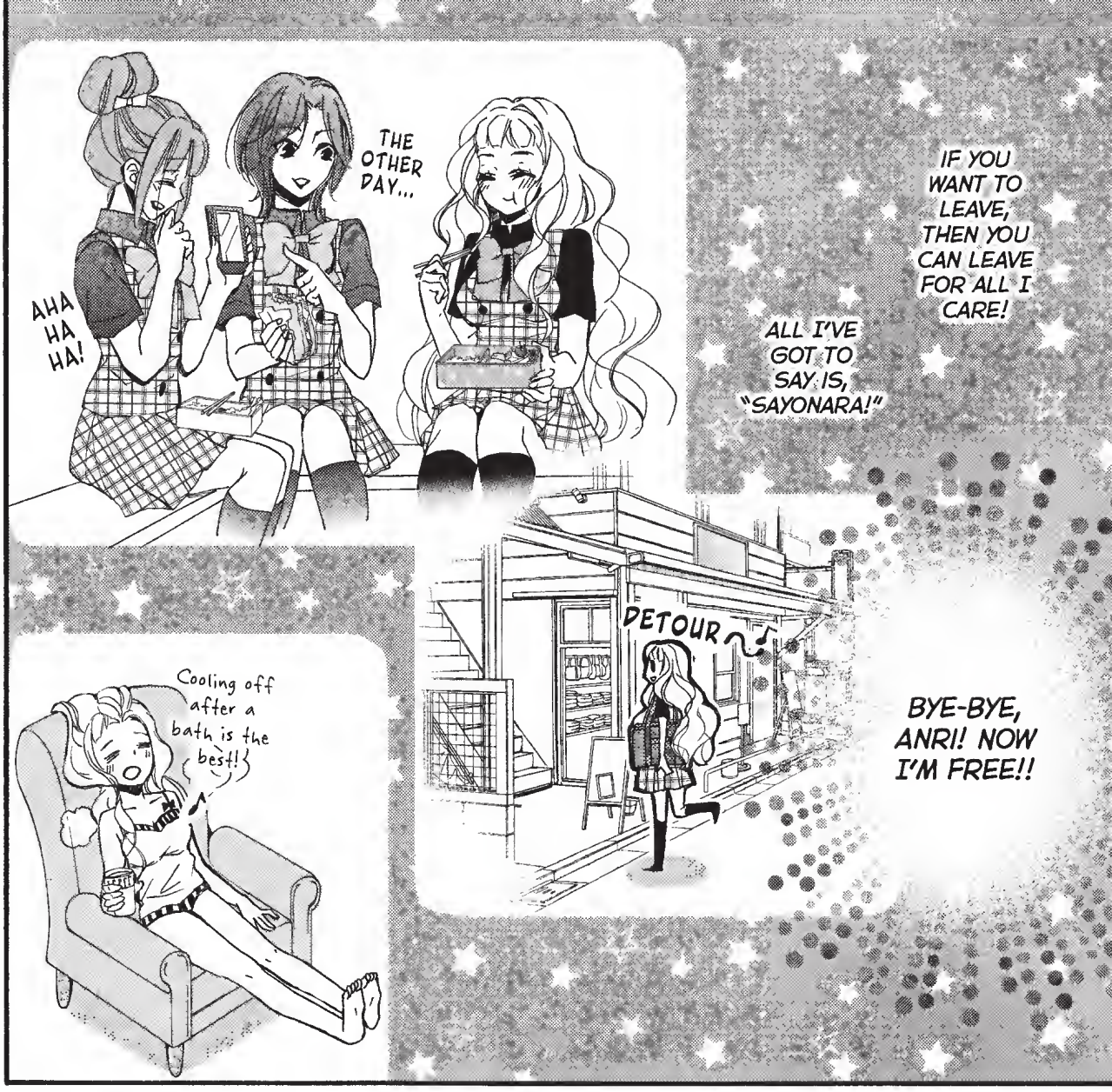

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANRI-SEMPAI AROUND TODAY.
H-
-UUUH?!
HEY, AREN'T YOU THAT FRESHMAN WHO'S KEEPING ANRI-KUN AS A PET?
WHERE IS HE?
IS ANRI-KUN HERE?
わいわい CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい CHATTER CHATTER
AW, SCHOOL IS SO LONELY WITHOUT HIM. I WONDER IF HE HAS A COLD...
I KNOW! IT'S HARD TO GET EXCITED ABOUT SCHOOL WHEN HE'S NOT AROUND...
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
THEY'VE BEEN COMING TO ME IN DROVES ALL DAY!!
Did you have a fight or something, Taiga-chan?
Scary!
Eek!
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE YESTERDAY!!
I ALREADY SAID I DON'T KNOW!!

1 ABOUT THE COVER FOR CHAPTER 13.

JUST LIKE CHAPTER 11, I WAS ABLE TO DO THIS ONE'S COVER PAGE IN COLOR! I WAS GIVEN NOT ONE, BUT TWO VALUABLE CHANCES TO DO COLOR COVERS IN THE SAME SUMMER, SO ONCE AGAIN I WENT WITH...

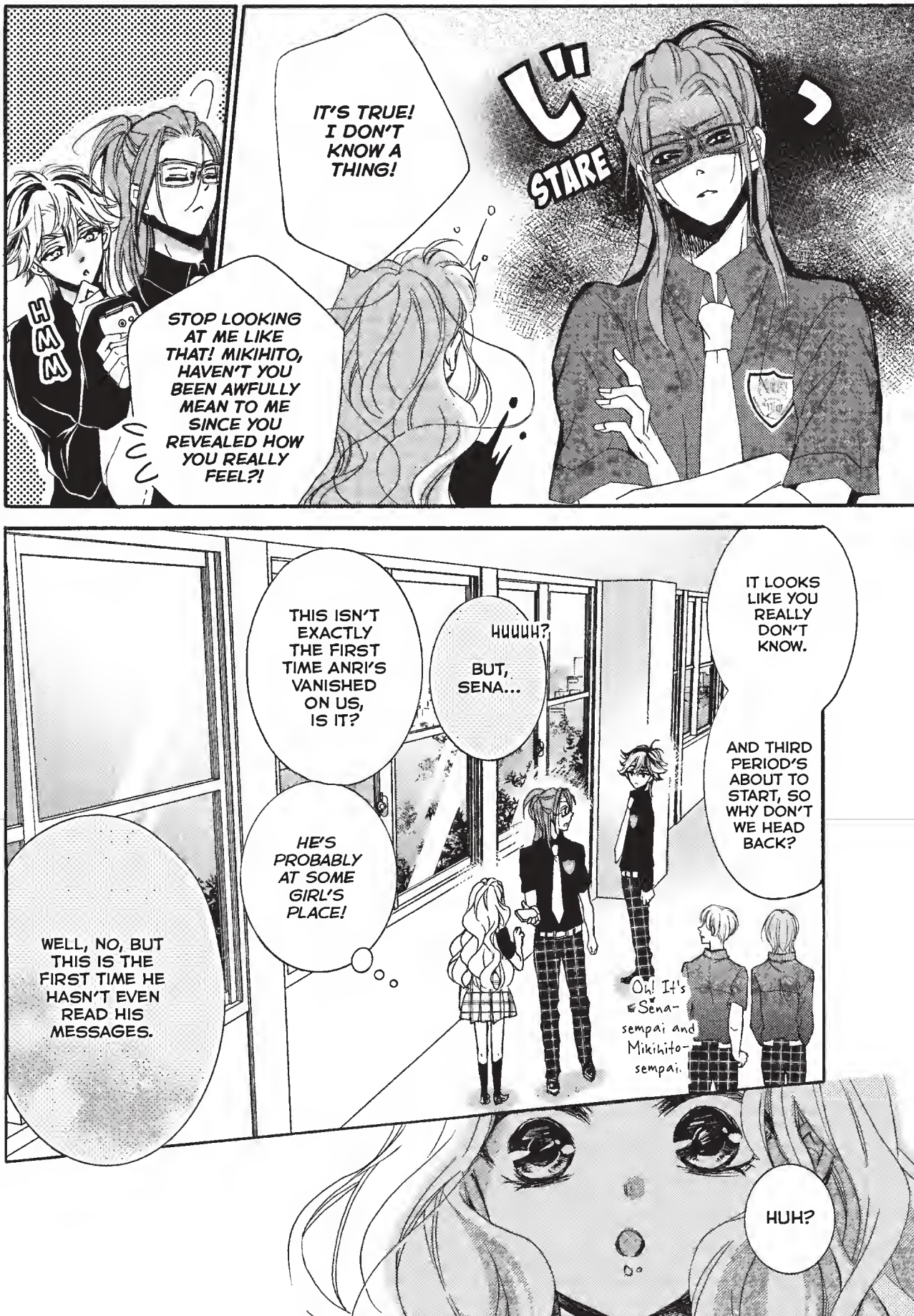
SWIMSUITS!!!!

AND, YET AGAIN, I HID THE NIPPLES AS I'M SUPPOSED TO... BECAUSE IF I DREW THEM, THERE'D BE SOME ANGER. FROM THE HIGHER-UPS. AT MY EDITOR. ~~GOSH, I'D LIKE TO "ACCIDENTALLY" DRAW SOME.~~


THE OTHER DAY...
AHA HA HA!
IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE, THEN YOU CAN LEAVE FOR ALL I CARE!
ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY IS, "SAYONARA!"
DETOUR
BYE-BYE, ANRI! NOW I'M FREE!!
Cooling off after a bath is the best!!

THE NEXT DAY.
ARGH! ARGH!
ギャアギャア
HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANRI-KUN IS?
ANRI-SEMPAI'S NOT HERE TODAY EITHER!
HEY, BOYS! WE WERE ASKING FIRST!
TAKACHI-HO! WHERE'S ANRI-SEMPAI?
ギャアギャア
ARGH! ARGH!

ANRI RAN AWAY?!
Taiga
Anri, where are you?
...HE ISN'T EVEN READING HIS TEXTS.
GRR!
Where's Anri-kun?
HUH...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE A FIGHT?
NO! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY HE LEFT.
YEAH!
WHEN I GOT HOME FROM THE PARTY, HE WAS GONE!


HMM
STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT! MIKIHITO, HAVEN'T YOU BEEN AWFULLY MEAN TO ME SINCE YOU REVEALED HOW YOU REALLY FEEL?!
IT'S TRUE! I DON'T KNOW A THING!
じ"
STARE
WELL, NO, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HASN'T EVEN READ HIS MESSAGES.
HE'S PROBABLY AT SOME GIRL'S PLACE!
THIS ISN'T EXACTLY THE FIRST TIME ANRI'S VANISHED ON US, IS IT?
HUUUH?
BUT, SENA...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW.
AND THIRD PERIOD'S ABOUT TO START, SO WHY DON'T WE HEAD BACK?
Oh! It's Sena-sempai and Mikihito-sempai.
HUH?

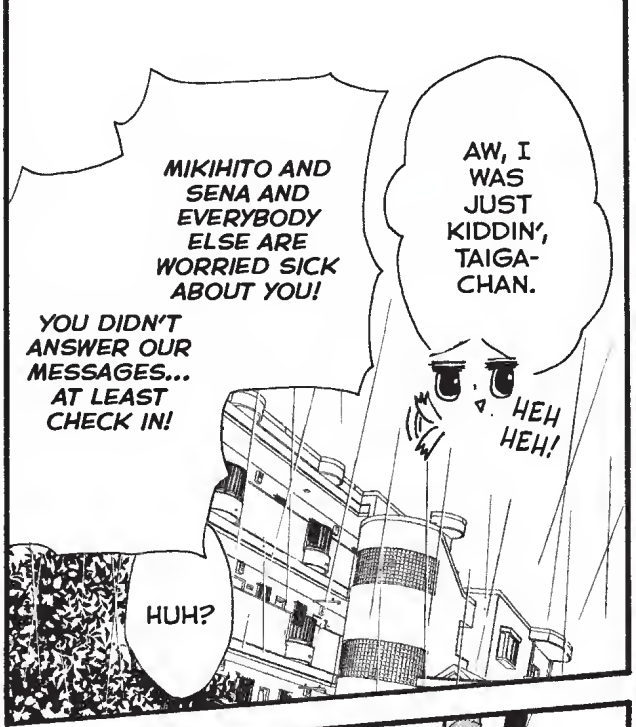
WE, AND PROBABLY KUROGANE, MESSAGED ANRI TOO.
Staying out again today?
BUT...
AND HE USUALLY ANSWERS THIS KIND OF MESSAGE, SO WE WERE A LITTLE WORRIED.
RMB...
RMB
RMB...
I HOPE HE HASN'T GOTTEN INVOLVED IN ANYTHING DANGEROUS...
YOU'RE OVER-THINK-ING IT.
DRIP
DRIP
Anri, where are you?
Taiga

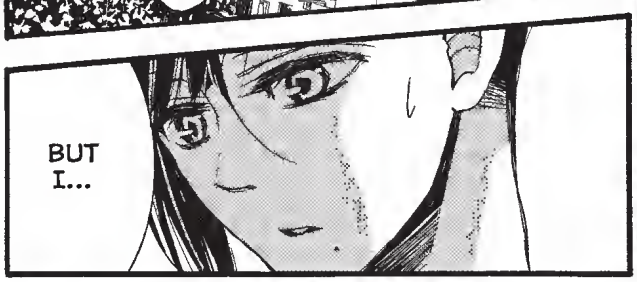
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
KEEP OUT
SHHH
THE ABANDONED HOUSE WHERE I FIRST MET ANRI...
IT'S GONE...
A...
ANRI?
SHHH....
ARE YOU THERE?
ANRI?

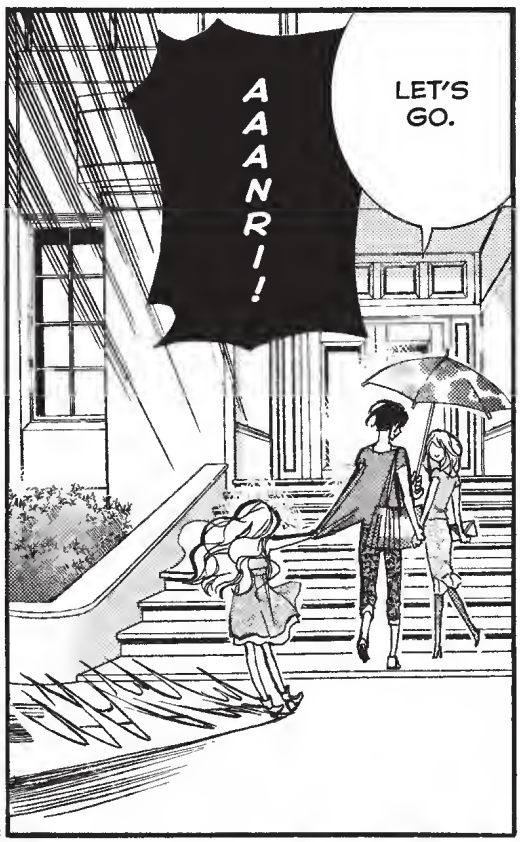
...!
I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THE PLACES...
WHERE ANRI MIGHT GO.
SPLASH
SPLASH
THE RAIN...
KEEPS GETTING STRONGER.
SPLASH
SPLASH
SHHHHH
ANRI!
LISTEN TO ME, ANRI!
ARE YOU THERE?
COME ON, ANRI!
E-EXCUSE ME! I'M LOOKING FOR A PET...
HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? NO, HE'S NOT A CAT OR A DOG... UM...
HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...

IF YOU'RE PASSED OUT SOMEWHERE WITH A COLD, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!!
SHHHHHK
すいぃぃぃ
GOIN' OUT IN A CAR GETS ME ALL EXCITED! ♡
REALLY? I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT. ♡
Hurry up and turn 18. Then I'll buy you whatever car you like. ♡
WHUMP
ばっ
HUFF PUFF
WH-
WH-
WH-
OH.

SLUURP
HE HAD ME OUT RUNNING ALL OVER TOWN AND HERE HE IS... TH... TH-TH-TH-TH-
THE JERK!!
IS SHE A FRIEND OF YOURS, ANRI-KUN?
SHHH...
David Make Movies
Earth Drops
...
HUFF
HUFF
NOT A CLUE.
EEK!
THE JEEEEERK!!!!


MIKIHITO AND SENA AND EVERYBODY ELSE ARE WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU!
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER OUR MESSAGES... AT LEAST CHECK IN!
AW, I WAS JUST KIDDIN', TAIGA-CHAN.
HEH HEH!
HUH?


BUT I...


AAANRI!
LET'S GO.

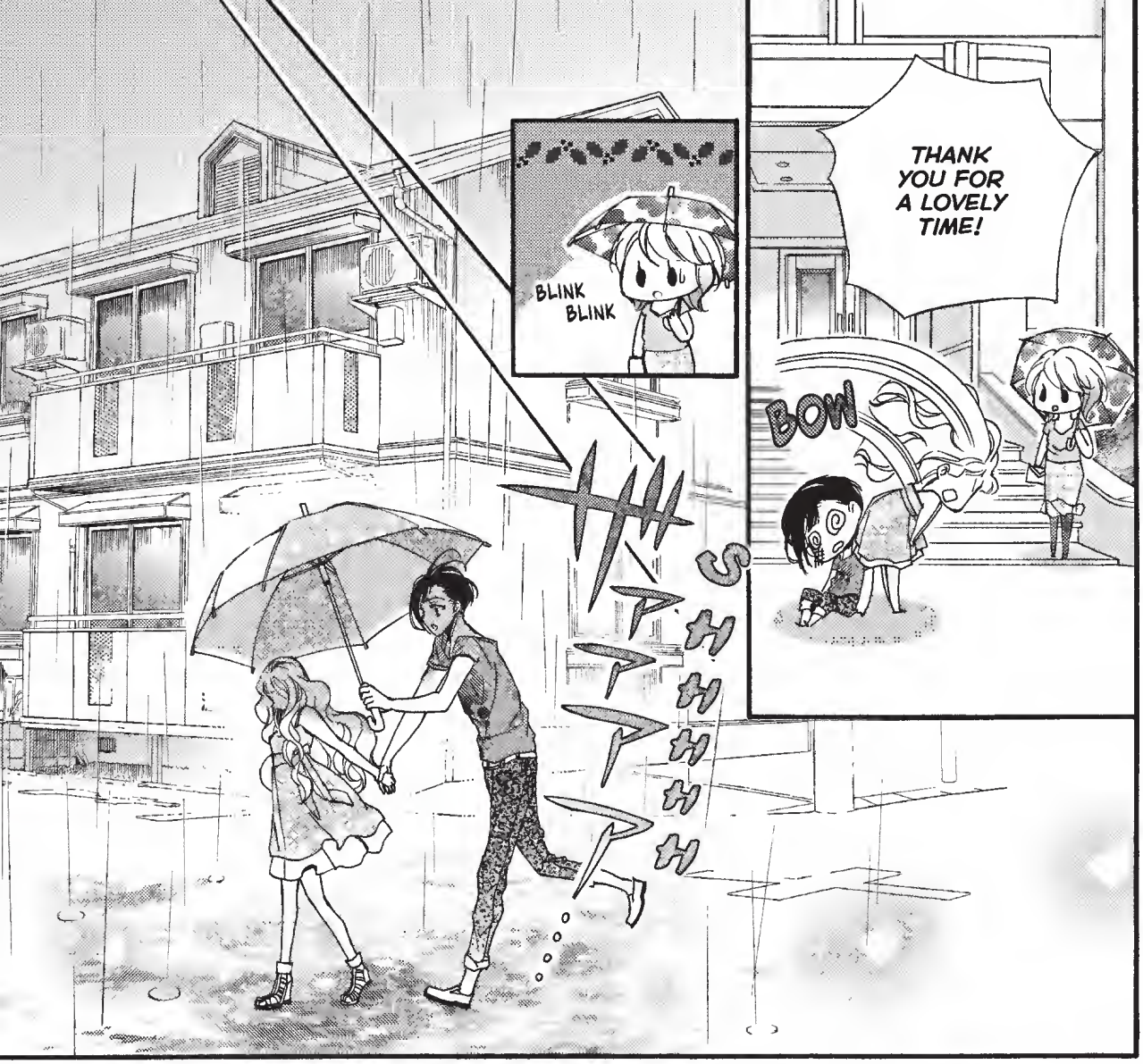
Ahaha! What a cute noise!
HONK HONK

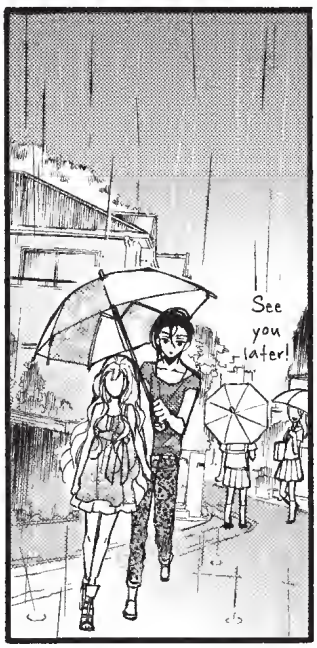
HONK
Taiga-chan! Taiga-chan! Smile!

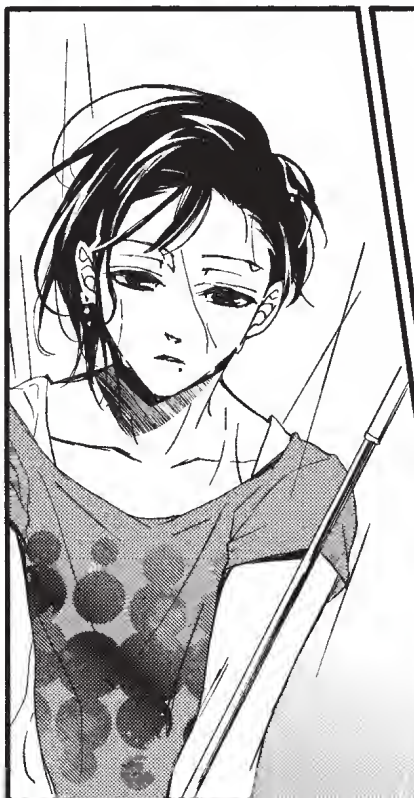
...WOULDN'T THINK OF TOUCHIN' MY PHONE DURING A DATE!
♪
HONK

What's with her?
TAIGA-CHAN!
CLACK CLACK CLACK
!
WHUMP
ばっ
SNAP
パチン
Let's go, Anri-kun.
SHHH...
アアア...
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
HUH?
TURN
...

KER-
WHACK
WE'RE GOING HOME.


BLINK
BLINK
THANK YOU FOR A LOVELY TIME!
BOW
ザーザーザー


See you later!



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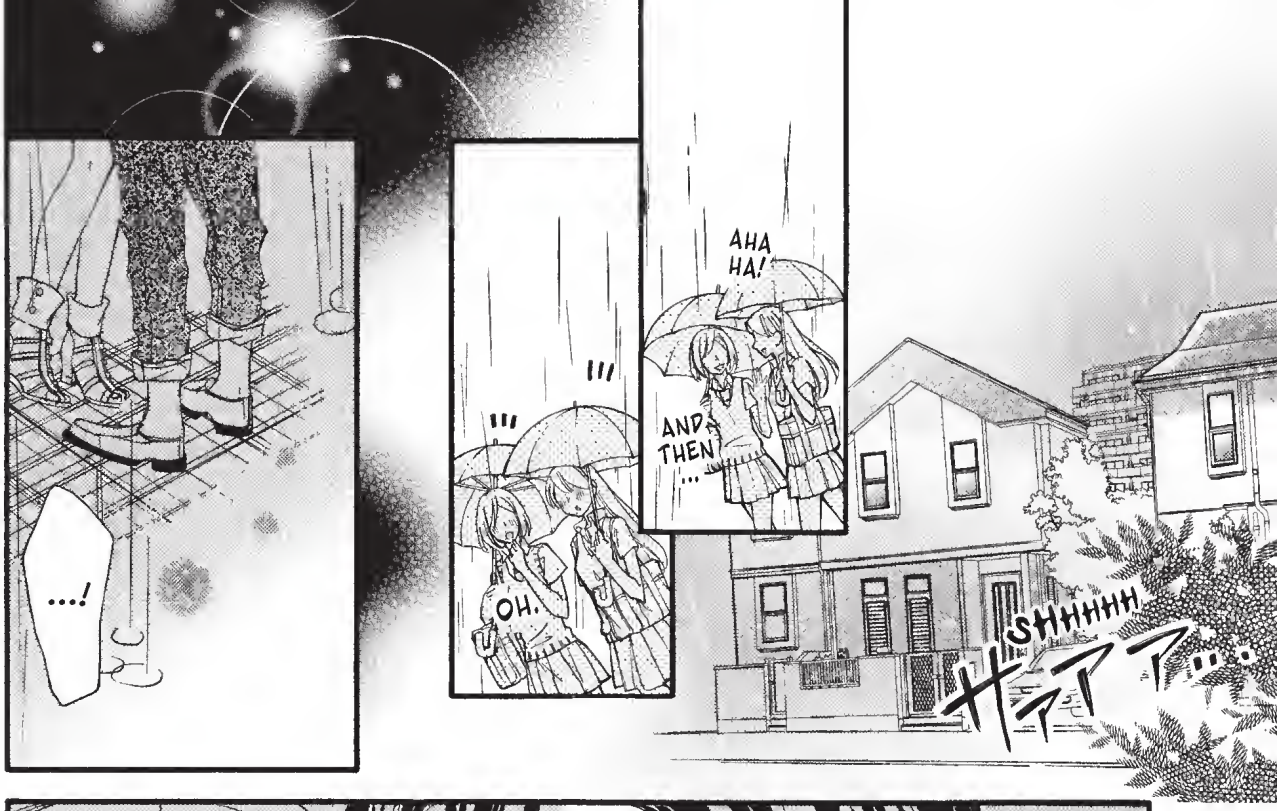
ARE YEW MAD? ABOUT THAT NOTE?
IT WAS JUST A JOKE! WHY WOULD I LEAVE YEW?
YOU WANT ANOTHER ONE?
...
SHHHH
TAIGA-CHAN. TAIGA-CHAN.
THERE'S LEAVES IN YER HAIR.
...AND YEW'VE GOT MUD ALL OVER YEW.
EVEN THOUGH YER A GIRL...
...

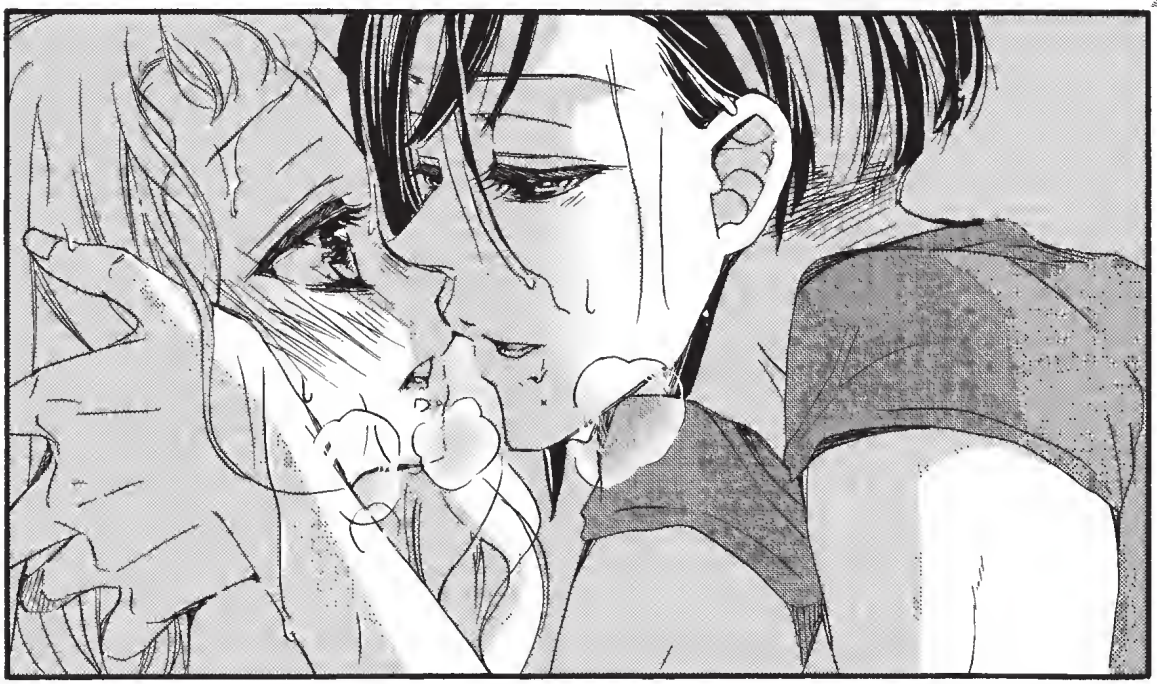
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
SO EVEN YEW WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME, TAIGA-CHAN?
...
IF I WASN'T WORRIED, I WOULDN'T BE THIS ANGRY.
SHHHH...
IT WASN'T ONLY BECAUSE I COULDN'T CONTACT YOU. ...YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE AT THE PARTY TOO.
EVEN IF YOU HADN'T GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO SOME KIND OF TROUBLE, YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN INTO AN ACCIDENT...
CAN'T YOU SEE HOW I MIGHT THINK THAT?!
JEEZ! YOU'RE MAKING ME SPELL OUT EVERY-THING!
YOU REALLY ARE A—
SPLASH

WHICH DO YEW LIKE MORE, ME OR KUROGANE?
TAIGA-CHAN.
WHAT ?!
WH-
WHAT'S WITH YOU? DON'T JUST SAY WEIRD STUFF OUT OF NOWHERE.
STRAIN...!!!

JUDGIN' BY THAT, KURO-GANE MUST'VE BEEN REAL SURPRISED WHEN HE KISSED YEW!
HEH HEH! YEW TURNED RED AGAIN!
W... W-W-W-WE DIDN'T KISS! DON'T BE STUPID! AND LET ME GO!
KISSED ?!
HUH?
PFFT!
YER FACE IS RED AS A BEET, TAIGA-CHAN.
KURO-GANE... DIDN'T KISS YEW?
BUT YEW WERE ALL ALONE...
Ha ha ha...
HEH HA.
HEH.
HA HA HA HA!
AN... HEY.

NN.


AHA HA!
AND THEN...
OH.
...!
SHHHHH
サァアア...



...!
SHWIP
...HA HA HA! GUESS I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY!
BECAUSE I NEVER THOUGHT YEW'D ACTUALLY COME TO GET ME BACK.
クスッ
HEH!

...!
HUH?!
BA-DUMP
PHEW!
SMILE
I'M COLD IN THESE WET CLOTHES.
LET'S GO HOME ALREADY, TAIGA-CHAN!
Goin' home! Goin' home! Me and Taiga goin' home!
I COULDN'T SLAP HIM.
BE-CAUSE...
NO, IT MUST'VE BEEN BECAUSE OF THE RAIN.
SHHHHH
ァアアア

Goin' home! Goin' home!
ANRI WOULD NEVER CRY...
SHHH...

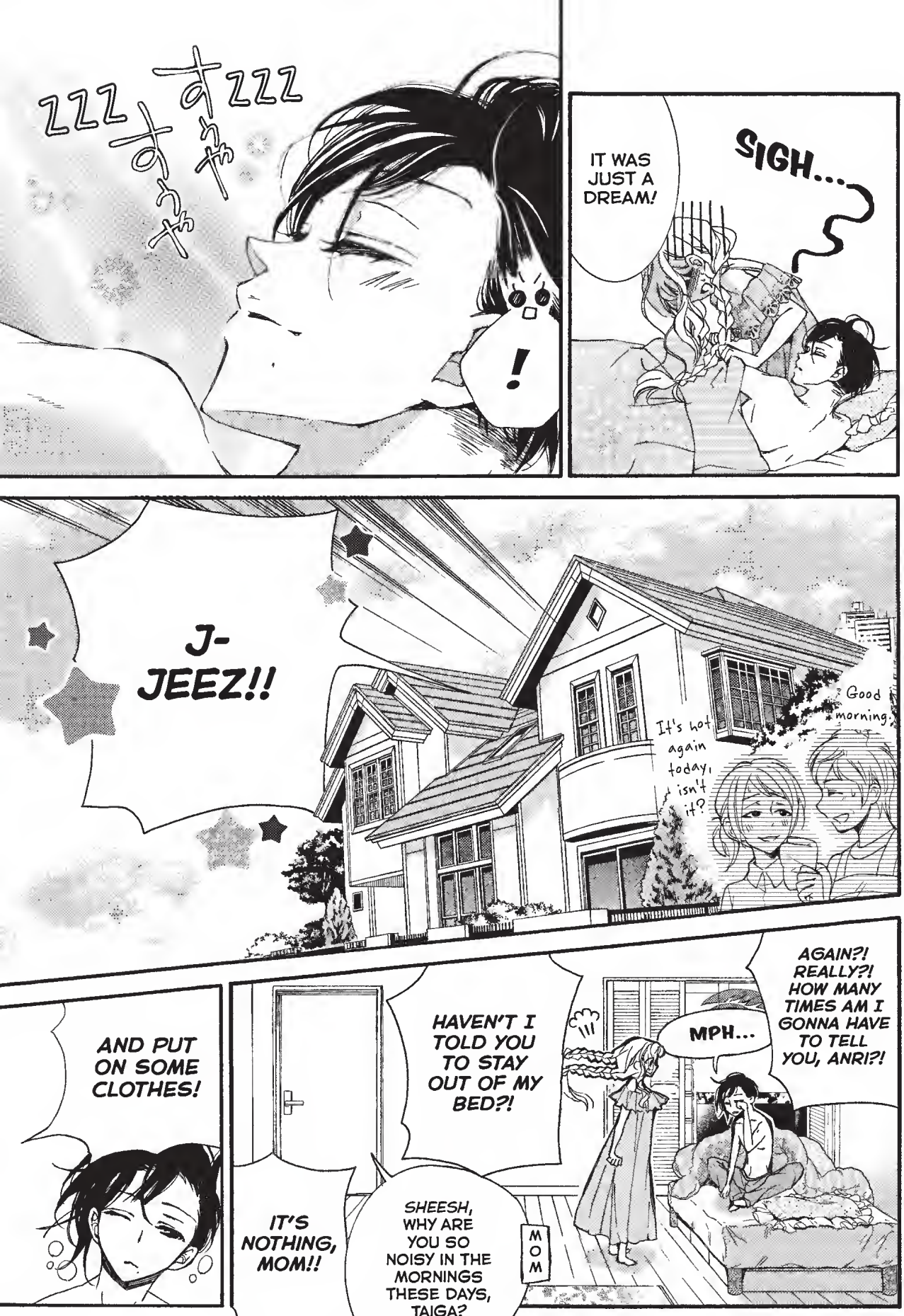
TRAP 14

Sweet, Intense Tone of a Piano

TAIGA.
I HEAR YOU KISSED ANRI.
TWICE!!
HUH?!
えっ
えっ
HUH?!
えっ
HUH?!

WHAP
WAIT, KURO-GANE!
SEE YA!
KURO... KUROGANE... UM...H... H-H-H-HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
HA!
SO IT'S TRUE? AFTER YOU ASKED ME OUT...
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! YEESH!
HUH? U-UM... I...
KURO-GANE!
KURO-GANE.
STMP STMP
THAT'S NOT WHAT HAP-PENED... I...
W-WAIT! PLEASE!
LET ME EXPLAIN, KURO-GANE!
DON'T GOOOO-OOOOO!!

はっ
HA!
ちゅんちゅんちゅん…
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
ちゅんちゅんちゅん…
CHIRP
CHIRP
…
A… A DREAM?
SO IT WAS JUST… A DREAM?


ZZZ すぅや ZZZ すぅや
!
IT WAS JUST A DREAM!
SIGH...
J-JEEZ!!
Good morning.
It's hot again today, isn't it?
AGAIN?! REALLY?! HOW MANY TIMES AM I GONNA HAVE TO TELL YOU, ANRI?!
MPH...
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY BED?!
MOM
SHEESH, WHY ARE YOU SO NOISY IN THE MORNINGS THESE DAYS, TAIGA?
IT'S NOTHING, MOM!!
AND PUT ON SOME CLOTHES!

YEW SURE LOOK LIKE YER HAVIN' FUN, TAIGA-CHAN. HOW CUTE. ♡
SMOOCH
Yawn! Gimme five more minutes.
IT'S BECAUSE ANRI'S SO... SLOPPY! THAT I HAD THAT AWFUL DREAM!!
HE FORCED KISSES ON ME NOT ONCE BUT TWICE! THE NERVE!
Twice! This makes twice!!
I'VE HAD IT. I WON'T GIVE HIM EVEN ONE INCH ANYMORE!!
LISTEN TO ME, ANRI! YOU'RE THE PET AND I'M THE MASTER!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THAT CLEAR TODAY, SO GET READY!!

I'M SAYING I'M GONNA TEACH YOU THE REAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASTER AND PET!
ミシャ
SI
SI
SI!!
ZZZ...
WOW!
WOW!
OH!
IT'S TAIGA-CHAN!
DID YEW SEE ME?
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
Anri-kun!
NUMBER ONE!
"A PET OBEYS HIS MASTER!!"
WHAM
Eek! Anri-kun!
STAY!

HUG!
SCOOT...
SCOOT SCOOT
HUH?
"STAY!" STOP, ANRI.
MASTER'S ORDERS.
NUMBER TWO!
"A PET PROTECTS HIS MASTER!!"
LA-LA-LAH! ♪
TAIGA-CHAN! LET'S GO FOR A WALK! ♪
ANRI—!
PRAISE ME! PRAISE ME!
NO!
...
BRIGHT-AND-SHINY
LOOK! THE WEATHER'S SO NICE! LET'S GO FOR A WALK!

EVERY TIME I'VE WALKED AROUND SCHOOL WITH YOU, IT'S TURNED INTO A BIG FUSS.
SO NO WAY!
It's Anri-kun!
EEK!
EEK!
YEW SURE?
I'M SURE.
THEN I'D BETTER AT LEAST MARK YEW TO KEEP PESTS AWAY.
SPRITZ
BOO HOO!
THAT SMELLS LIKE ANRI-KUN'S COLOGNE!!
GLOMP
NO FAIR! ♡
ANRI-IIII!!
NUMBER THREE! "A PET SOOTHES HIS MASTER!!"
FWOOSH
...
OH? THAT'S QUITE A DARING LOOK, TAIGA-CHAN.
I WAS MOBBED BECAUSE OF YOU!!

SHINP
IF YOU'RE MY PET, WHY DON'T YOU TRY SOOTHING YOUR MASTER'S EXHAUSTED HEART?!
In fact, isn't that a pet's #1 job?!
They're at it again...
SOOTH-ING?
GLITTER GLITTER
Hey, about that thing in English...
ARGH!
ARGH!
LISTEN, YOU...
PETS ARE—
YER TOO DEMANDIN', TAIGA-CHAN!
Pets ain't slaves!
HUH?!
AIN'T I GOT CHIHUAHUA EYES?
...ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

2 ABOUT THE CHAPTER COVERS PART 2

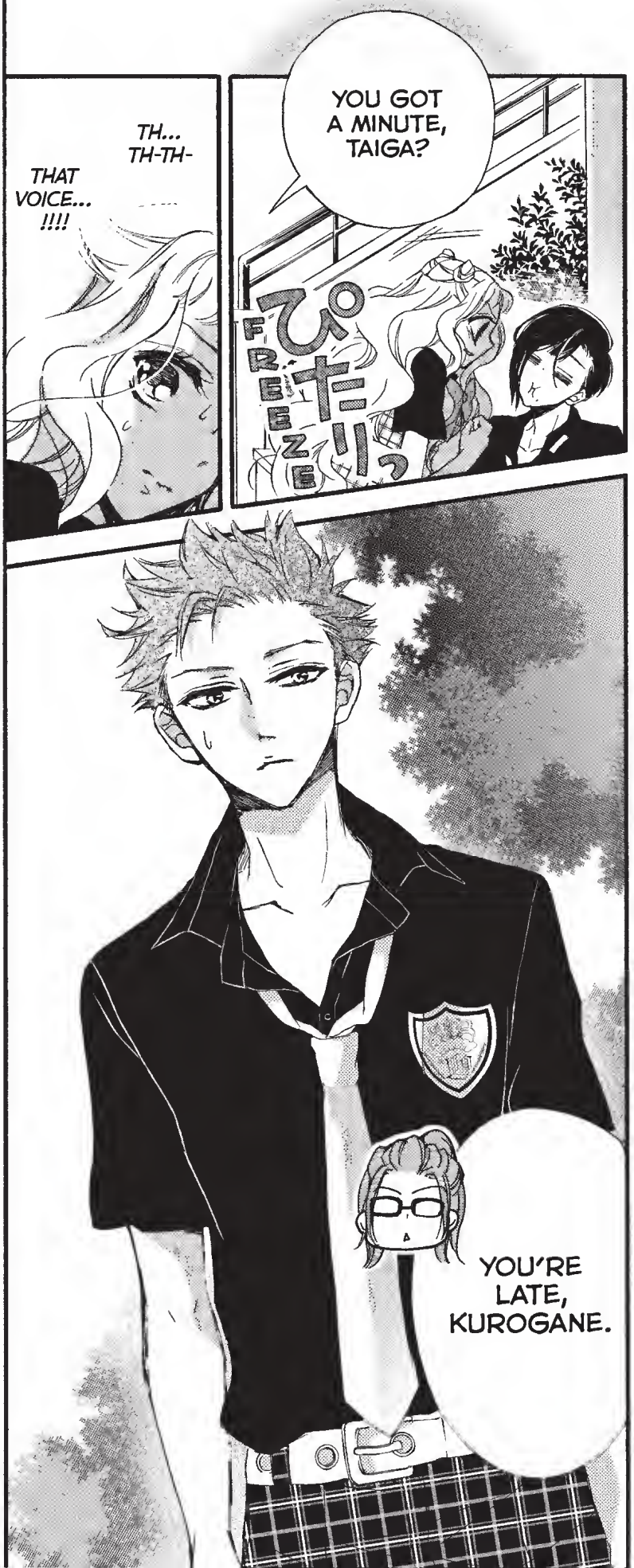
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE COVER PAGES AGAIN. OH! BUT THIS TIME IT'S ABOUT THE COVER PAGE FOR CHAPTER 14.

I NORMALLY DO UP TO THE LINE DRAWINGS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY, THEN INK, SCREENTONE, AND POLISH THEM DIGITALLY. BUT FOR CHAPTER 14'S COVER, I DID EVEN THE LINE DRAWING DIGITALLY.

By the way, Chapter 15's in full-digital too.

I HOPE THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE ONES I DO THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

I DO EVERYTHING FROM START TO FINISH MYSELF ON THESE COVER PAGES, SO I HAVE A LOT OF FUN TRYING OUT DIFFERENT STUFF.



OOPS! THE TRAUMA FROM THAT DREAM THIS MORNING WAS SO INTENSE I ACTED ON REFLEX!!
I HEAR YOU KISSED ANRI.
TWICE!!
N-N-NOTH-ING!

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HIDE
OH!!!!

OH...
OKAY.
HUH? YOU'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT THAT HERE, KUROGANE?
...
...
IT'S ABOUT THE OTHER DAY...

FWIP...
HUH?!
?!
HIT ME, TAIGA!
?!
?!
I CAN NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!!
HUH?
NO...
BUT...
SO PLEASE HIT ME!!
I THOUGHT ABOUT...
HOW TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I TRIED TO DO TO YOU, BUT THERE'S REALLY NO EXCUSE.

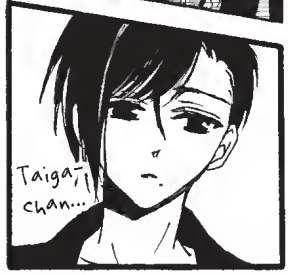
YANK
EEK!
HIT ME, TAIGA!!
HARDER THAN YOU HIT ANRI!!
HUH ...?

TRYIN' TO HURT TAIGA-CHAN TWICE?! YER THE WORST!
YER TRASH !!
YEAH, DO IT! DO IT!
SHWIP
...

RAISE YOUR HEAD, KUROGANE!
IF I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO, I WOULD HAVE FOUGHT BACK.
Y... YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M GETTING AT, RIGHT?!
SO DON'T APOLOGIZE.
...
WHUMP!
ばっ!
!
HUH? WHY ARE YEW STANDIN' UP FOR HIM, TAIGA-CHAN? KUROGANE—
SHUT UP! YOU KEEP QUIET, ANRI!
I WAS ACTUALLY...
REALLY WONDERING...
BUT...
WHY KUROGANE TRIED TO KISS ME...

...
I CAME HERE THINKING I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF YOU NEVER SPOKE TO ME AGAIN...
...DON'T BE SILLY.

...Don't worry about it...
Let's go, Kuro-gane!


Taiga-chan...

GIVE HIM A NICE PRESENT OF FIVE LIGHT ONES! I'LL HOLD HIM DOWN.
SLAP TIME! SLAP TIME!
OKAY, TAIGA-CHAN? SLAP TIME! SLAP TIME!
SHUT UP!!

HEH HEH
TAIGA-CHAN, WHAT ABOUT THE SLAP? THE SLAP!
AIN'T YEW GONNA GIVE HIM A GOOD SLAP?

MUSIC ROOM
I'M GLAD THINGS AREN'T AWKWARD BETWEEN ME AND KUROGANE ANYMORE...
むぅぅ
GRR
SIGH...
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT'S HOW HE FELT...
SHK
SHK
"HIT ME, TAIGA!! HARDER THAN YOU HIT ANRI!!"
...MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE HARSH ON ANRI TODAY...
SIGH~
はぁ
THIS LITTLE HABIT OF MINE ISN'T GOOD, HUH?
SIGH...
なぁ

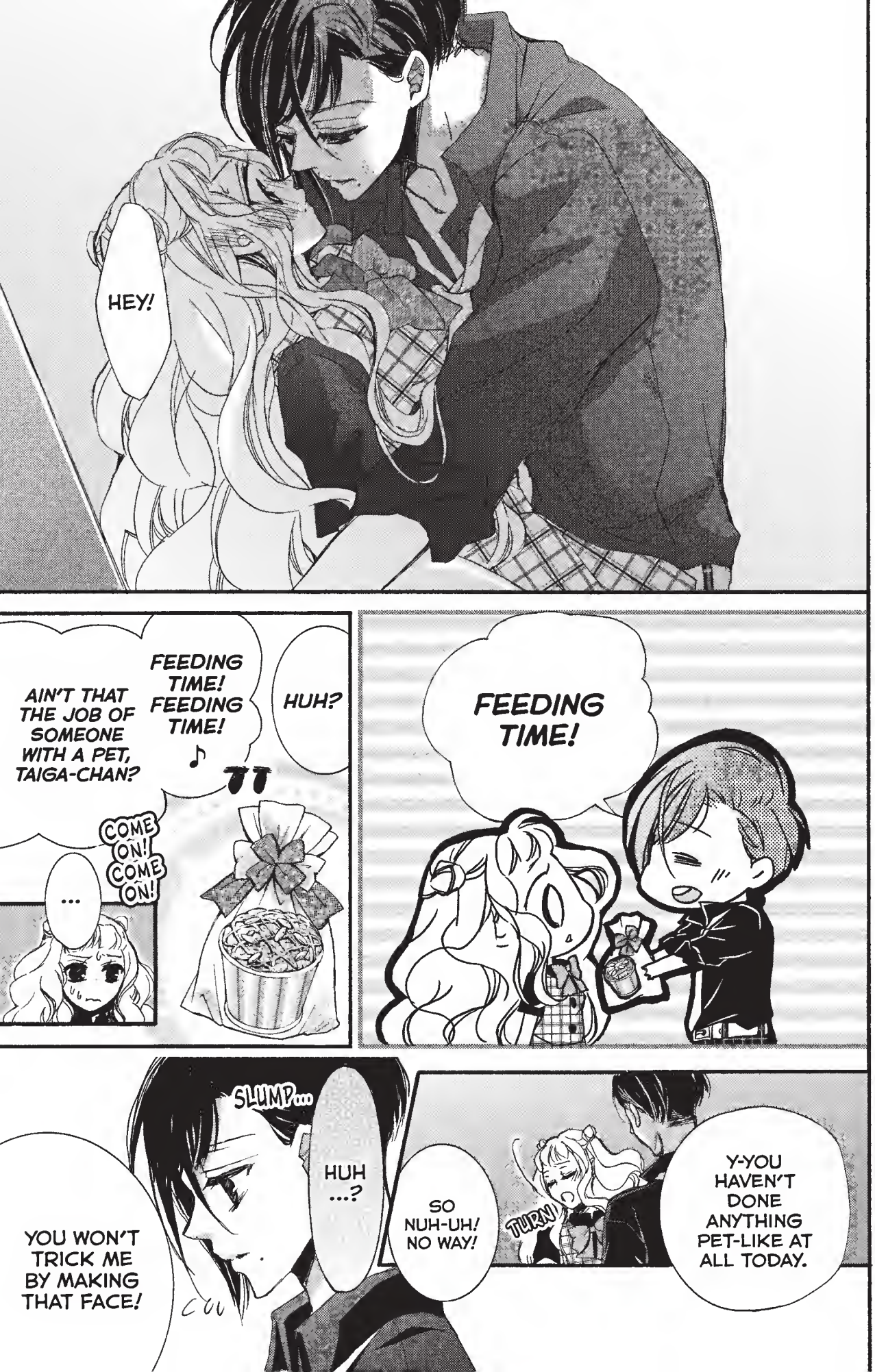
HA!
I CAN'T LET US GET ANY CLOSER!
HAVE I ALREADY FORGOTTEN HE'S KISSED ME TWICE?!
I'VE GOTTA TEACH HIM THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASTER AND PET! YEAH!
NO, NO! IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD!
HEH!
FWIP
PLOP
MUSIC ROOM
BUT...
NO, NO!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
HUH?
WHAT THE?
WOW!
LOOK AT HOW LATE IT IS!

IT WON'T BUDGE.
40kg
40kg
HUH? BUT IT'S NOT LOCKED...
ガチャ
CHUNK
ガチャ
KER-CHUNK
CHUNK
ガチャ
KER-CHUNK
ガチャ
HUH?
HEY!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
WHAM
ドドドドッ
WHAM
EXCUSE MEEE!
WHAM
ドドドドッ
WHAM
EXCUSE ME! IS ANYONE THERE?!
WHAM
ドドドドッ
WHAM
...
HUFF
HUFF
TUMP
...IS IN THE CLASS-ROOM.
MY PHONE!
HUFF
HUFF

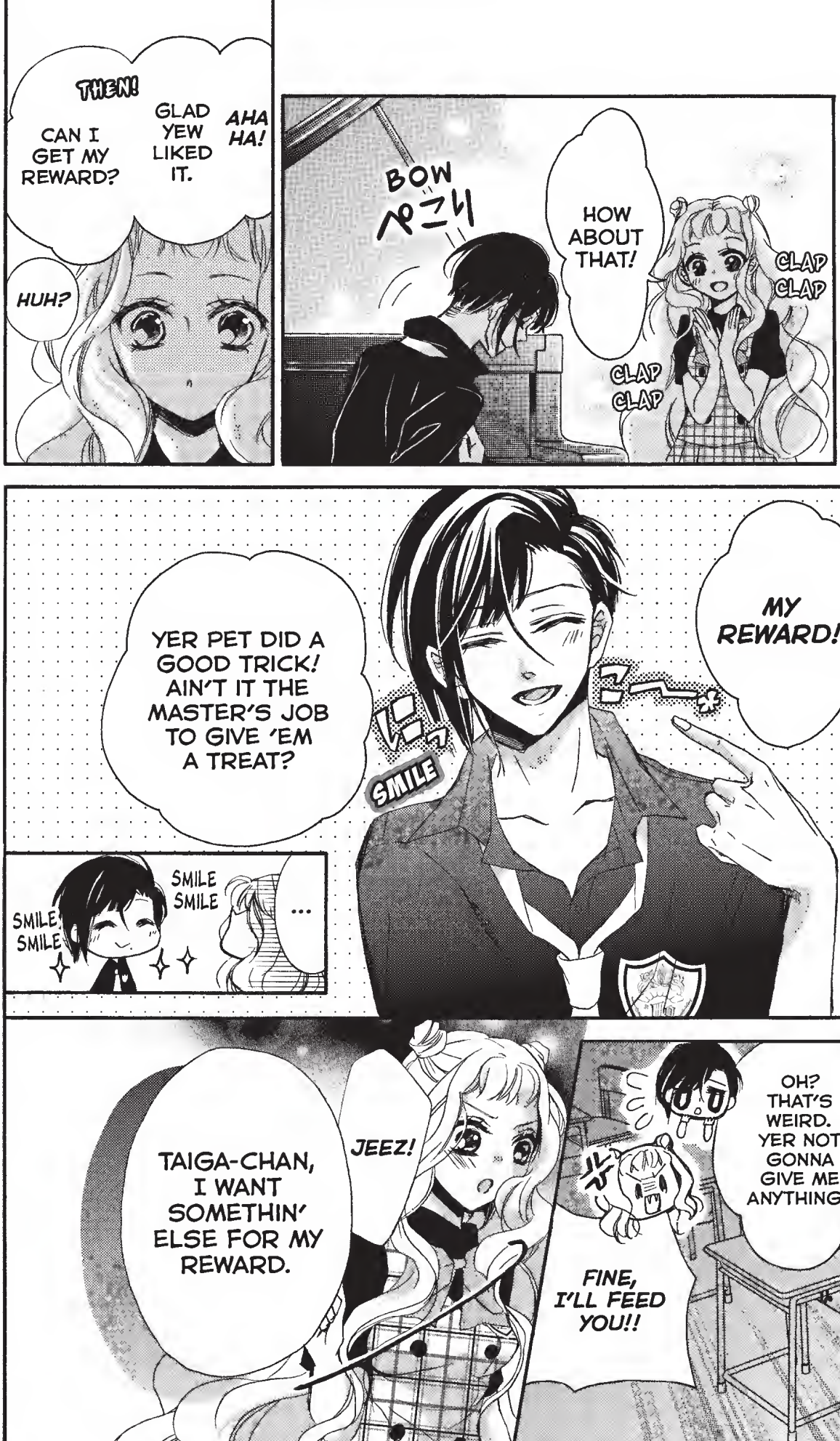
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
N-NO ONE CAME... AND NOW IT'S NIGHT...
OH NO!
SILENCE...
RAT-TLE
びくっ
FLINCH

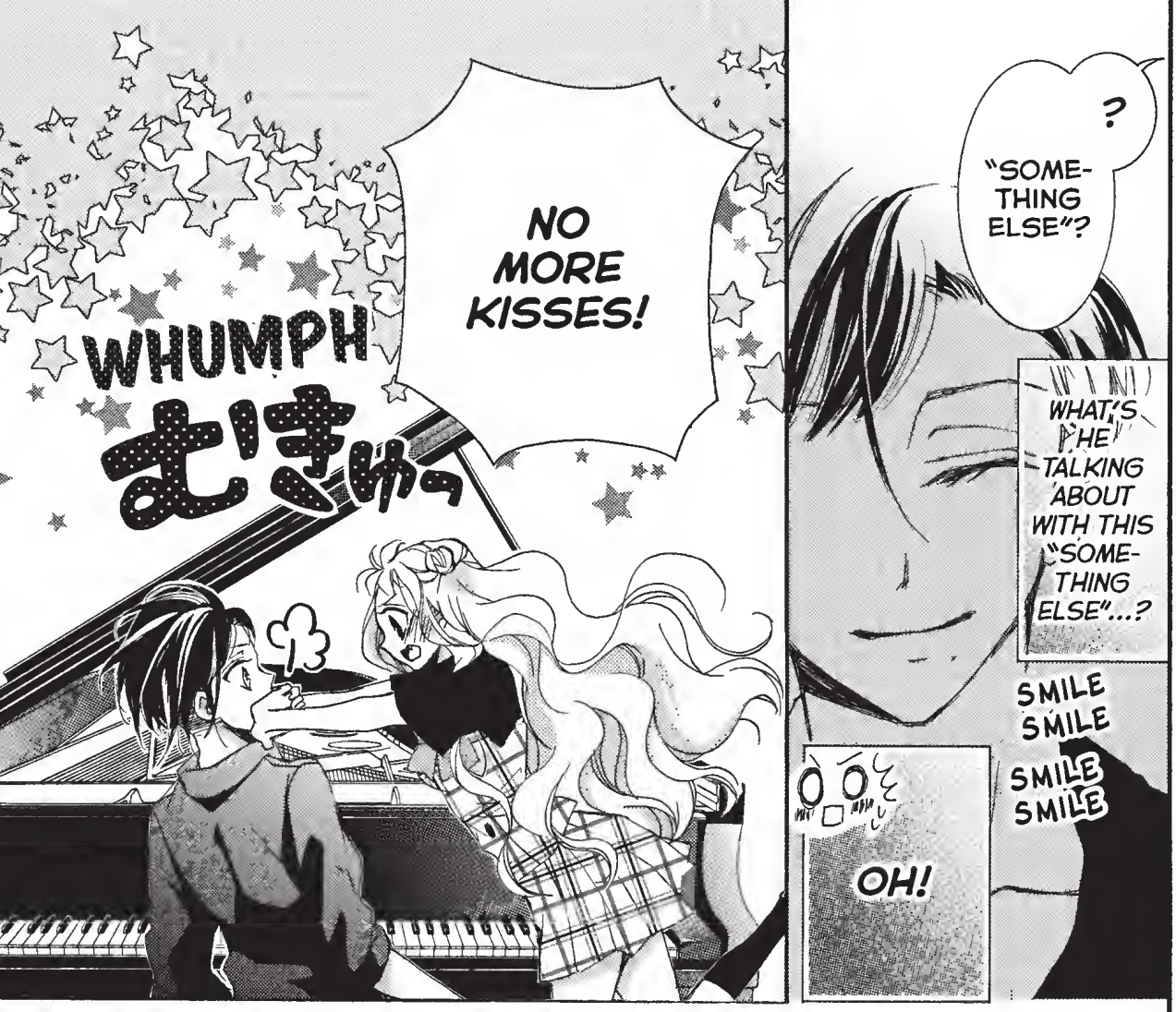
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
O... O-O-OH... IT WAS JUST YOU, ANRI...
...
AANRIII!!
WH... WH-WH-WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?!?!
I CAME LOOKIN' FOR YEW SINCE YEW DIDN'T COME HOME!
NOT THAT! THAT'S DANGEROUS, YOU IDIOT!! YOU MORON!! YOU BUFFOON!! GET IN HERE QUICK!!
HOW DID YOU EVEN FIND ME HERE?
I DON'T... BELIEVE YOU...
JEEZ...!

HEH!
THAT'S MY LITTLE SECRET.
♡
?
CLACK
CLACK
HUH?
CLACK
H-HANG ON!
WHAT...
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK


HEY!
AIN'T THAT THE JOB OF SOMEONE WITH A PET, TAIGA-CHAN?
FEEDING TIME! FEEDING TIME! ♪
HUH?
COME ON! COME ON!
...
FEEDING TIME!
Y-YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING PET-LIKE AT ALL TODAY.
TURN
SO NUH-UH! NO WAY!
HUH ...?
SLUMP...
YOU WON'T TRICK ME BY MAKING THAT FACE!

OH!
GRR...
HM-HMM-HMM! ♪
YOU GOT BACK ON YOUR FEET AWFULLY FAST...AS USUAL.
CAN YOU PLAY THE PIANO, ANRI?
...WOW!


THEN!
CAN I GET MY REWARD?
GLAD YEW LIKED IT.
AHA HA!
HUH?
BOW
ペコリ
HOW ABOUT THAT!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
MY REWARD!
YER PET DID A GOOD TRICK! AIN'T IT THE MASTER'S JOB TO GIVE 'EM A TREAT?
SMILE
SMILE SMILE
SMILE SMILE
...
OH? THAT'S WEIRD. YER NOT GONNA GIVE ME ANYTHING?
FINE, I'LL FEED YOU!!
JEEZ!
TAIGA-CHAN, I WANT SOMETHIN' ELSE FOR MY REWARD.


WHUMPH
むきゅっ
NO MORE KISSES!
?
"SOMETHING ELSE"?
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT WITH THIS "SOMETHING ELSE"...?
SMILE SMILE
SMILE SMILE
OH!

MOVE OVER.
PUSH
PUSH
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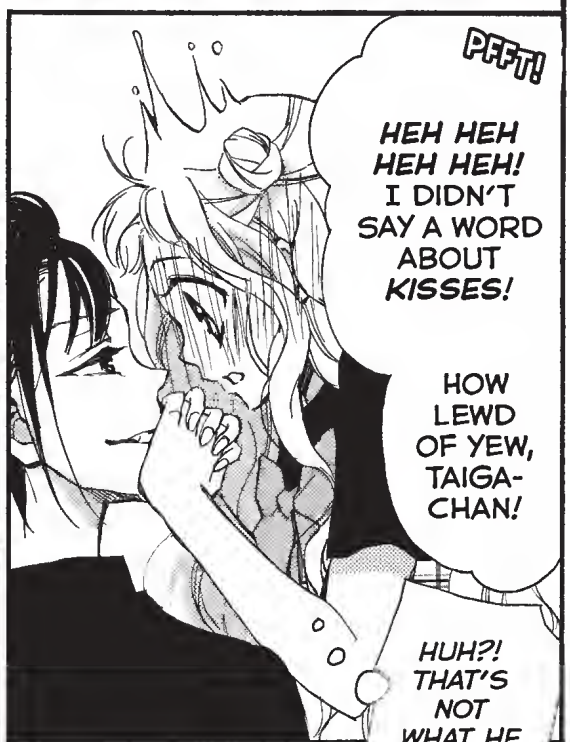
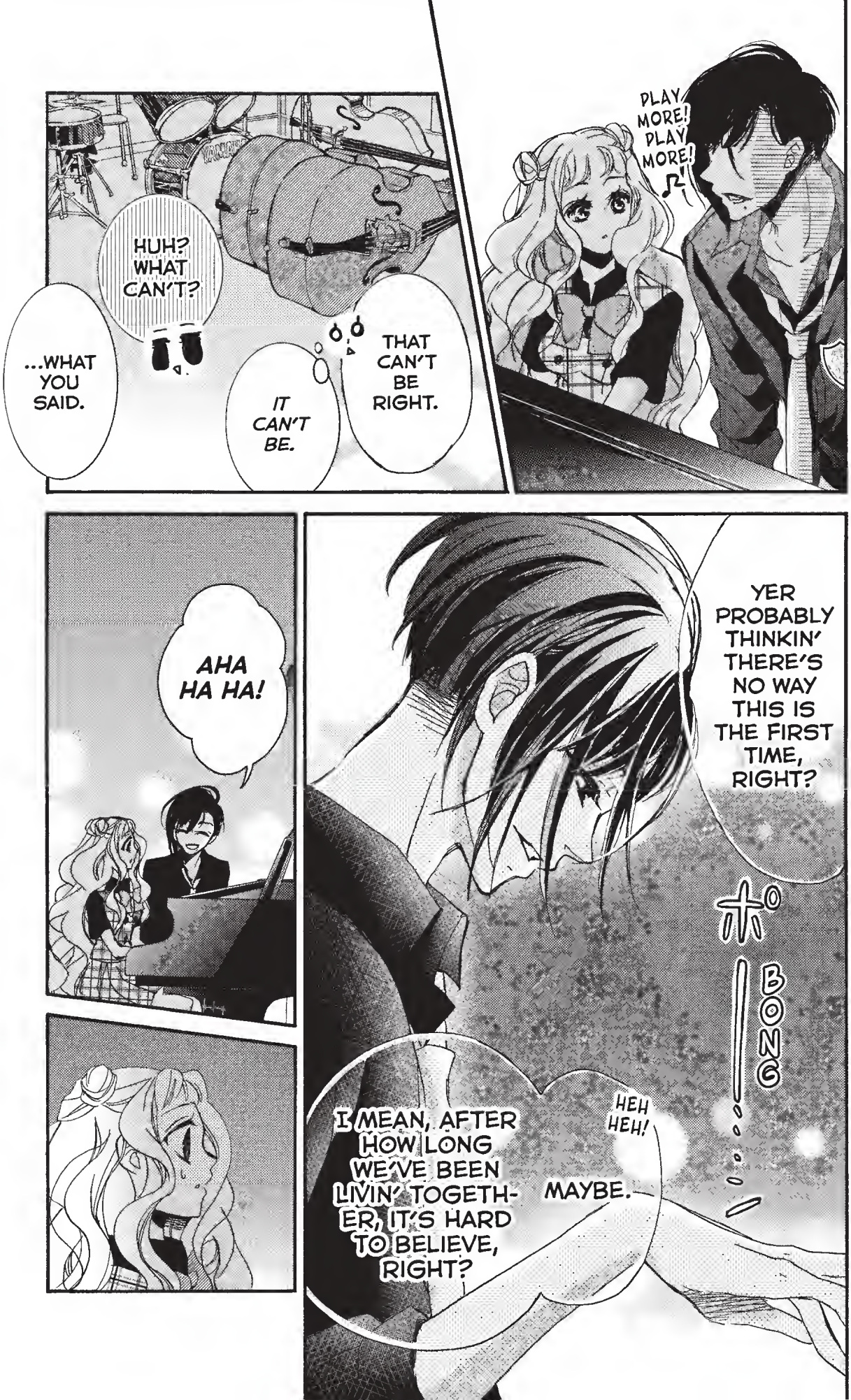
SOMETHING ELSE... SOMETHING ELSE!
S-SOMETHING ELSE...? WHAT ELSE COULD—
FLAIL FLAIL
...OH!


PFFT!
HEH HEH HEH HEH! I DIDN'T SAY A WORD ABOUT KISSES!
HOW LEWD OF YEW, TAIGA-CHAN!
HUH?! THAT'S NOT WHAT HE MEANT?!

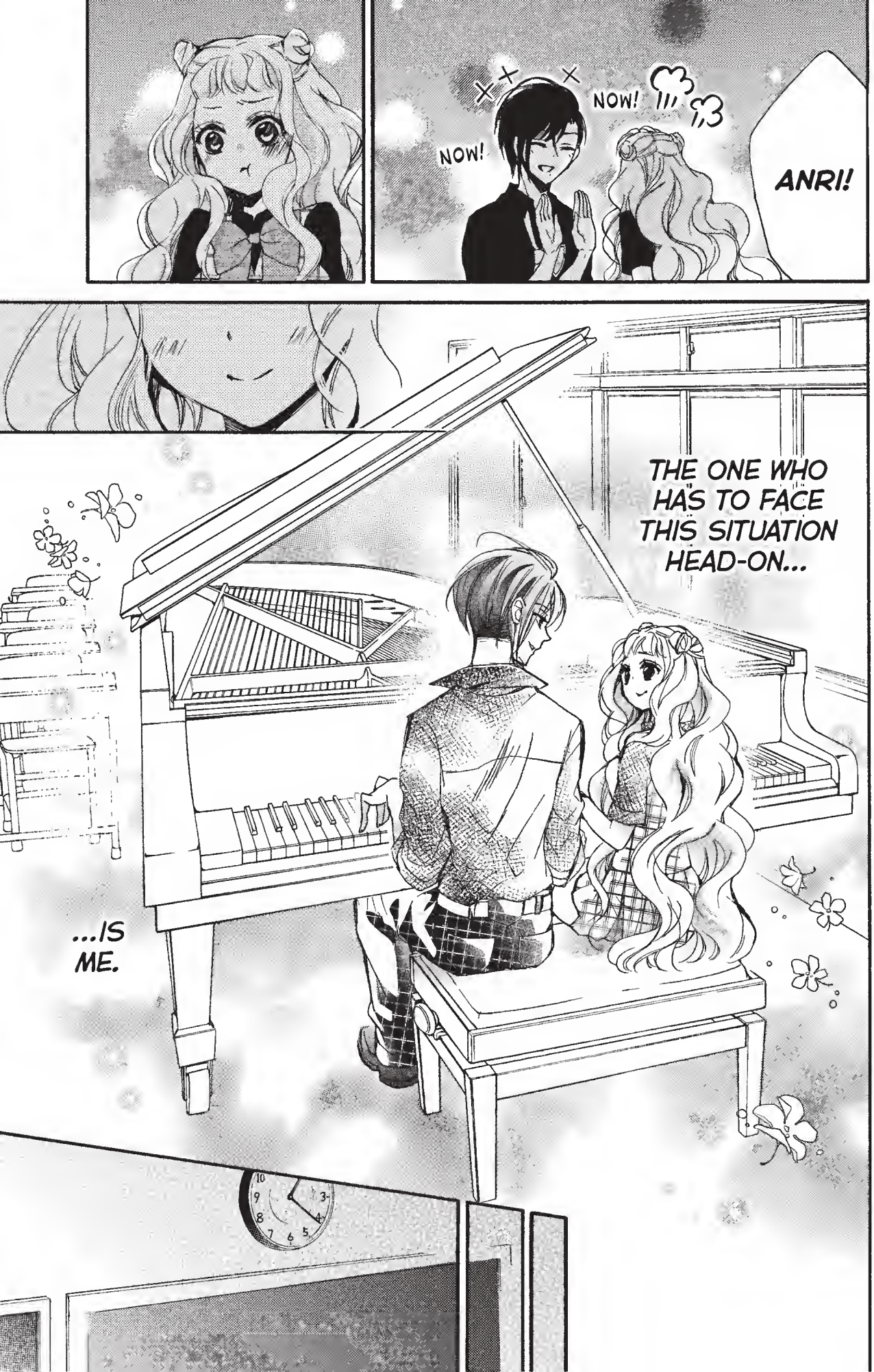
YEW CAN PLAY TOO, TAIGA-CHAN?
A LITTLE IN ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL.
A FRIEND TAUGHT ME SOME THINGS.
ALTHOUGH ONLY SIMPLE SONGS.

HEH HEH!
NO, I'M JUST GLAD.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YEW'VE TALKED ABOUT YERSELF THIS MUCH SINCE I BECAME YER PET.

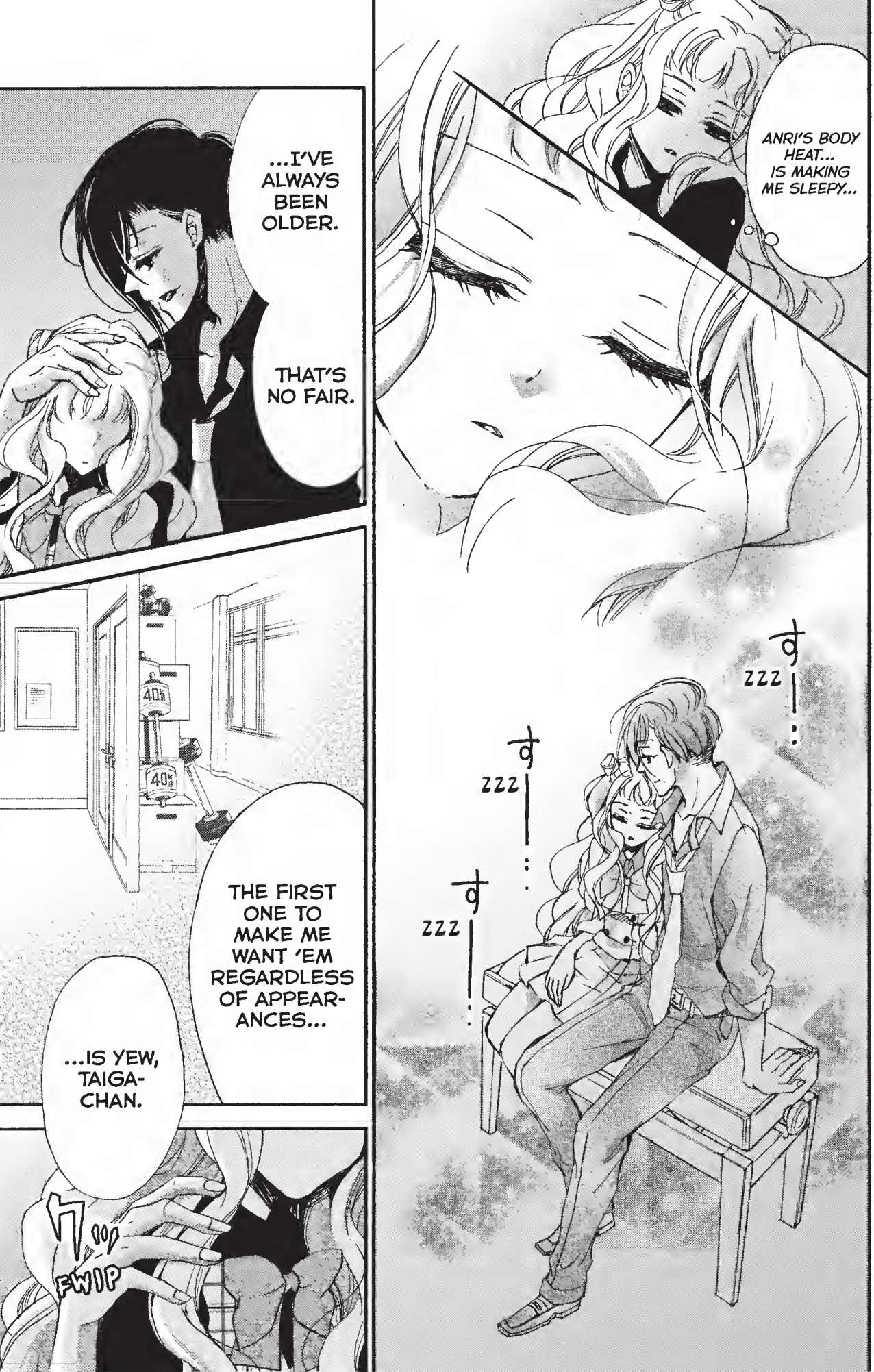
HEH!
OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ!
HEY! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I PLAYED ANYTHING!

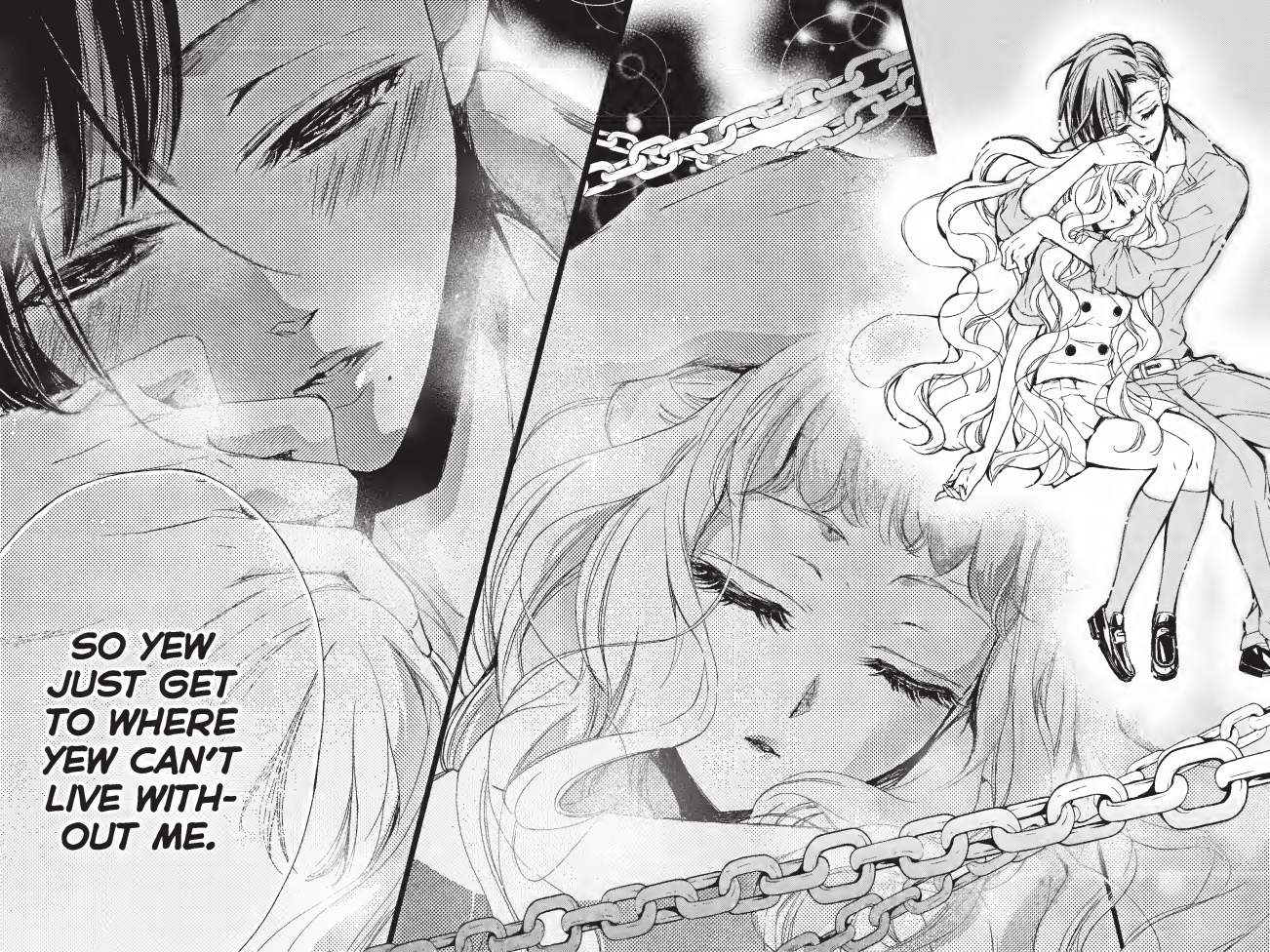

PLAY MORE! PLAY MORE!
HUH? WHAT CAN'T?
...WHAT YOU SAID.
IT CAN'T BE.
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.
AHA HA HA!
YER PROBABLY THINKIN' THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, RIGHT?
BONG
I MEAN, AFTER HOW LONG WE'VE BEEN LIVIN' TOGETHER, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, RIGHT?
HEH HEH!
MAYBE.

I...
Then... but...
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ANRI COULD PLAY THE PIANO...
AND IT'S NOT JUST THIS. WHEN HE RAN AWAY THE OTHER DAY...
I DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE WHERE TO LOOK FOR HIM...
WE... WEREN'T FINISHED TALKIN' YET, MASTER.
YANK
I DON'T MIND WHEN YEW GET MAD AT ME.
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'VE REALLY GOT A PLACE HERE...
IT'S REAL REAS-SURIN'.
A... ANRI...
YEW LET YER GUARD DOWN!
!!
LICK


NOW!
NOW!
ANRI!
THE ONE WHO HAS TO FACE THIS SITUATION HEAD-ON...
...IS ME.

うと...
DROOP
DROOP
うと...
NOD
NOD
PAT
PAT
MM...
YEAH, YEAH. YER A REAL HANDFUL OF A MASTER.
YEW CAN LEAN ON ME, TAIGA-CHAN.
PAT
PAT
HEH
BUT TODAY YOU'RE... ACTING LIKE YOU'RE OLDER... AGAIN...
YOU'RE ALWAYS... SUCH A KID...
I DON'T... LIKE IT...


ANRI'S BODY HEAT... IS MAKING ME SLEEPY...
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
...I'VE ALWAYS BEEN OLDER.
THAT'S NO FAIR.
THE FIRST ONE TO MAKE ME WANT 'EM REGARDLESS OF APPEAR-ANCES...
...IS YEW, TAIGA-CHAN.
FWIP


SO YEW JUST GET TO WHERE YEW CAN'T LIVE WITH-OUT ME.

Nn...
FAR OFF...
I LOVE YEW, TAIGA-CHAN.
OH.
I'M...
HAVING ANOTHER OF THOSE WEIRD DREAMS.
I HEAR ANRI'S VOICE.

GLOOOM
IT'S MORNIN'!
STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I SLEPT THE WHOLE NIGHT...
WHAT'M I GONNA DO? HOW'M I GONNA EXPLAIN THIS TO MOM?
A-AHH, I SPENT THE NIGHT OUT...
SIGH! WHAT BRACING AIR!
Good morning.
I STAYED OUT... ALL NIGHT... WITH ANRI...
MY SHOULDER'S ALL NUMB FROM HOLDIN' YEW ALL NIGHT, TAIGA-CHAN. ♡
STOP THAT!
FWIP
MURMUR!
HUH? WHAT'S WITH THAT HAND?
WHAT'RE YEW GONNA DO WITH THAT?

YOU...!!
YANK
TH-
TH-ANK!
THANK YOU, ANRI.
BLUUUSH
I WASN'T SCARED BECAUSE YOU WERE WITH ME!
...
WE'RE MASTER AND PET! OF COURSE I WAS THERE FOR YEW!
BUT WHY DIDN'T THE MUSIC ROOM DOOR OPEN, I WONDER...
It wasn't locked or anything.
BEATS ME... HOW SCARY.
MUST'VE BEEN AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

TRAP 15

The Magic of Glasses

LUNCH TIME!
♪
GLITTER GLITTER
キラキラ
POP
ぱっ
キラキラ
GLITTER GLITTER

WOW! YER LUNCH LOOKS GOOD AGAIN TODAY, TAIGA-CHAN!
Look at all that meat!
AND YOU'RE IN AWFULLY HIGH SPIR-ITS AGAIN TODAY, ANRI.
DOESN'T IT? THIS IS THE PART OF SCHOOL I LOOK FORWARD TO THE MOST!
I KNOW WHAT YEW MEAN! ♪
It's Anri-sempai and the others!
HUH?
AHHH
A—
あ—
AH!
—h。
I WANT THIS PART. THE BEAR'S EARS. ♪
I CAN HAVE 'EM, RIGHT, TAIGA-CHAN?
SHE'S GONNA GET MAD AT YOU AGAIN, ANRI.
AW, THAT AIN'T MUCH TO ASK FOR!
SIT, ANRI!

I want to eat the bear's ears too!
HERE! TAKE THE BODY!
PFFT!

...
I'LL FEED YEW NEXT! ♡
HUH?! I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEED ME!
GULP
HEH HEH HEH HEH
Phew!
THANKS FOR THE GRUB!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN... BETWEEN YOU TWO?
NOT REALLY.
REALLY?
THINGS SEEM DIFFERENT TO ME...
RISE
...LIKE FRIENDS...
Huh?
MIKI-HITO?

RARGH!
I SAID DON'T YOU DARE START ACTING LIKE FRIENDS!!
I BET YOU'RE JUST GONNA CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE AGAIN THE NEXT TIME HE DOES SOMETHING YOU DON'T LIKE, RIGHT?! HE'S NOT A THING!
SHOO!
SHOO!
WHAT'S THIS CHANGE OF HEART ALL ABOUT?!
YOU'RE ACTING ALL BUDDY-BUDDY AFTER ALL THE TIMES YOU TREATED HIM LIKE A NUISANCE?!
SHRP!
HEY!
I-I NEVER-
OH, STOP! STAY BACK.

SIGH
はぁ
I DON'T EVEN LIKE BEING NEAR YOU.
I BELIEVE I ALREADY SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU!
HMPH!
Now, now, Mikihito.

ARE YOU GOING TO STOP COMING AROUND?
I KNEW MIKIHITO DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF ME... BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THAT BAD...
Taiga's surprisingly delicate in some ways.
WHO?! WHO WOULD GO THAT FAR?!
SLUUUMP
スゥウウン
She's all dejected.
H-
HE DOESN'T EVEN LIKE BEING NEAR ME?!
Taiga-chaaan!
SLUUUMP
スゥウウン
KURO-GANE...
THERE'S NO REASON TO KEEP COMING HERE FOR LUNCH IF SOMEONE'S GONNA TALK ABOUT YOU THAT WAY, RIGHT?
CAN'T YOU JUST STAY AWAY?

Hang out with us a little when you're done!
You're so lucky, eating lunch with the sempais!
NANAE
MIO
MIO-CHAN!
NANAE-CHAN!
PAT
PAT
...DON'T BE SILLY. I'M NOT GONNA STOP.
NOW, MY TIME IN CLASS PRACTICALLY SPARKLES.
SO I WANT MY TIME WITH YOU GUYS TO SPARKLE TOO! IT'S JUST A LITTLE FRICTION BETWEEN ME AND MIKIHITO, RIGHT?
IT'D BE A SHAME TO RUN AWAY BECAUSE OF A LITTLE FRICTION!

HUH?!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! I'LL FIX THIS!

Where do you wanna go today?
CHATTER CHATTER
おいおい
Sorry I'm late! Did you wait long?
CHATTER CHATTER
おいおい

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, TAIGA?
I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ANRI. WHERE IS HE?

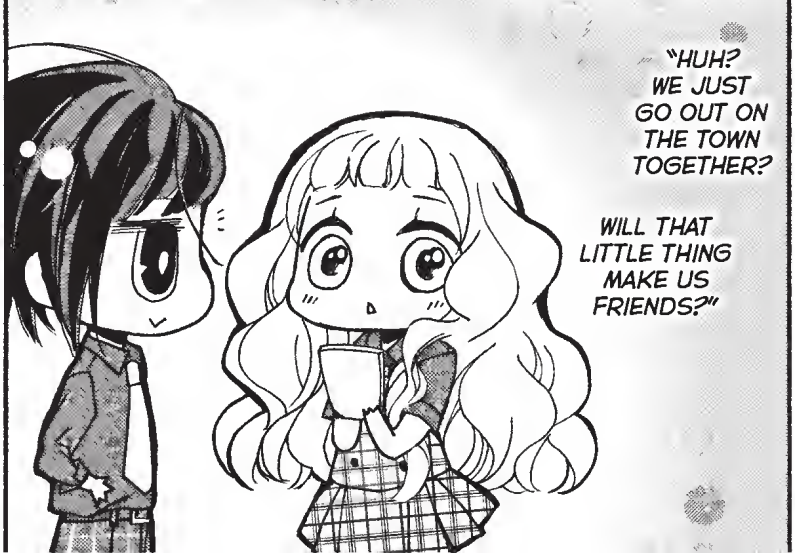
HUH? WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?
GLANCE
キョロ
キョロ
GLANCE

3 ABOUT ANRI-CHAN.

THIS IS "ANRI-CHAN'S" FIRST APPEARANCE SINCE THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO KINDLY SEND DRAWINGS OF ANRI-CHAN IN TO NAKAYOSHI MAGAZINE'S ILLUSTRATION CORNER, WHICH SECRETLY MAKES ME HAPPY.

ANRI IS JUST SO WILD, I WANT TO MAKE HIM DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS...!!

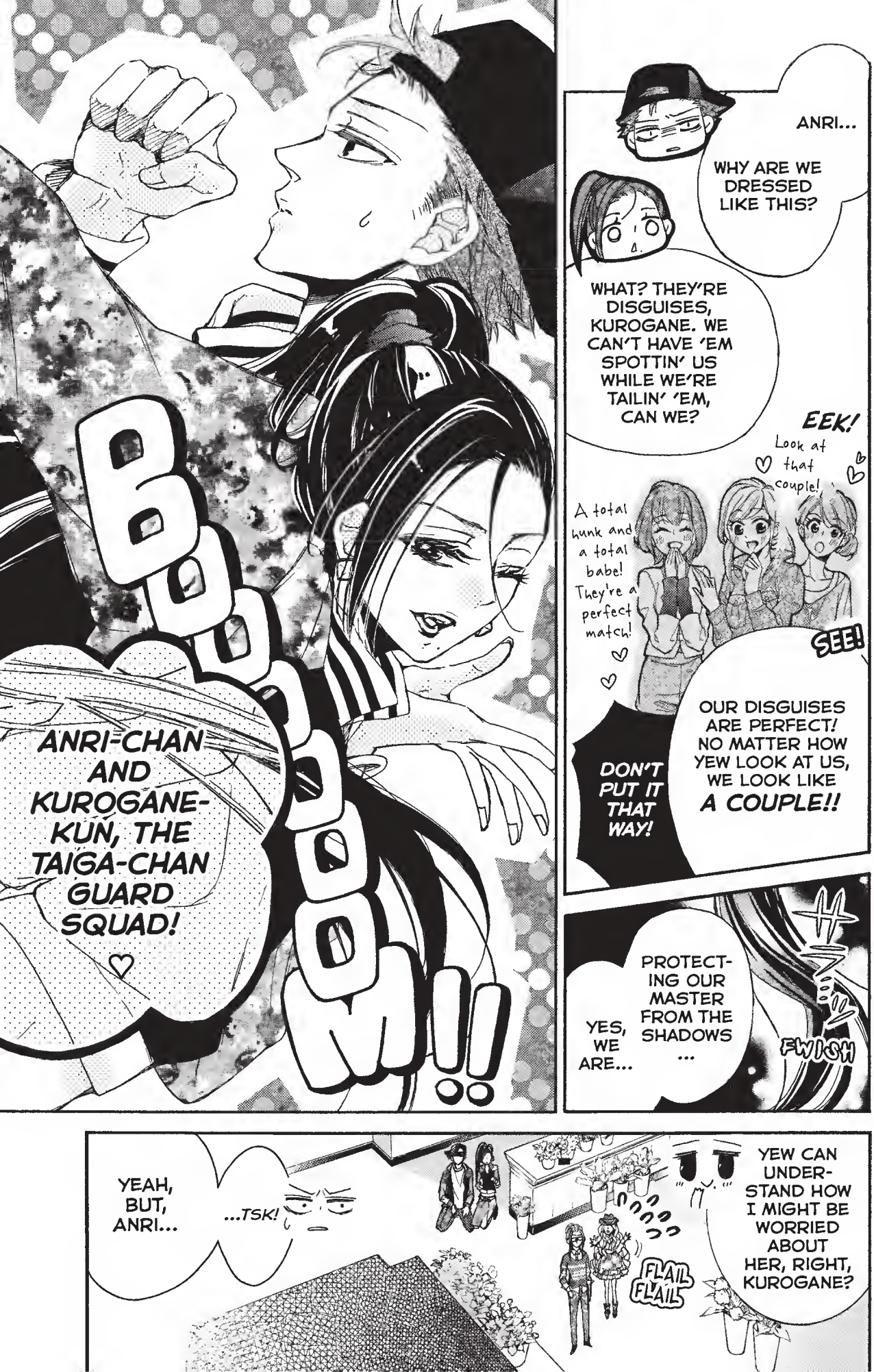
THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME.

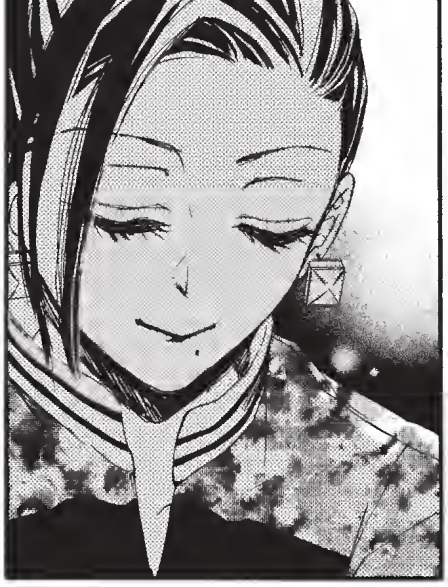


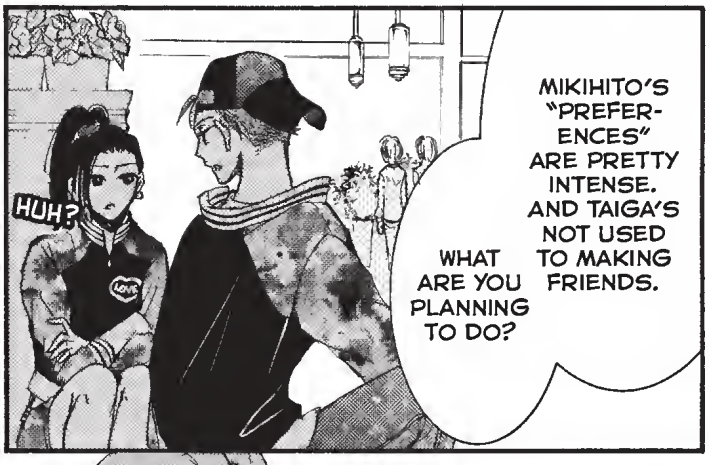
ZOOM
"IT'S ALL UP TO YEW NOW, TAIGA-CHAN."
AH!
IT'S OKAY! THE DAY HAS JUST STARTED! WE'LL BE FRIENDS BEFORE IT'S OVER!
HE'LL BE SAYING, "LET'S GO OUT AGAIN!" BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE.
Flower Shop THRONES
WELCOME!
MIKI-HITO!
W-WAIT A SECOND, MIKIHITO!
COME ON!
...
STMP
HUH?! HE'S IGNORING ME?!
KH...
"MIKIHITO"? I THINK YOU HAVE ME CONFUSED WITH SOMEONE ELSE!
...
WH-WHAT ARE WE... GONNA BUY TODAY, MIKIHITO?
HE'S EVEN ACTING LIKE HE DOESN'T KNOW ME!!

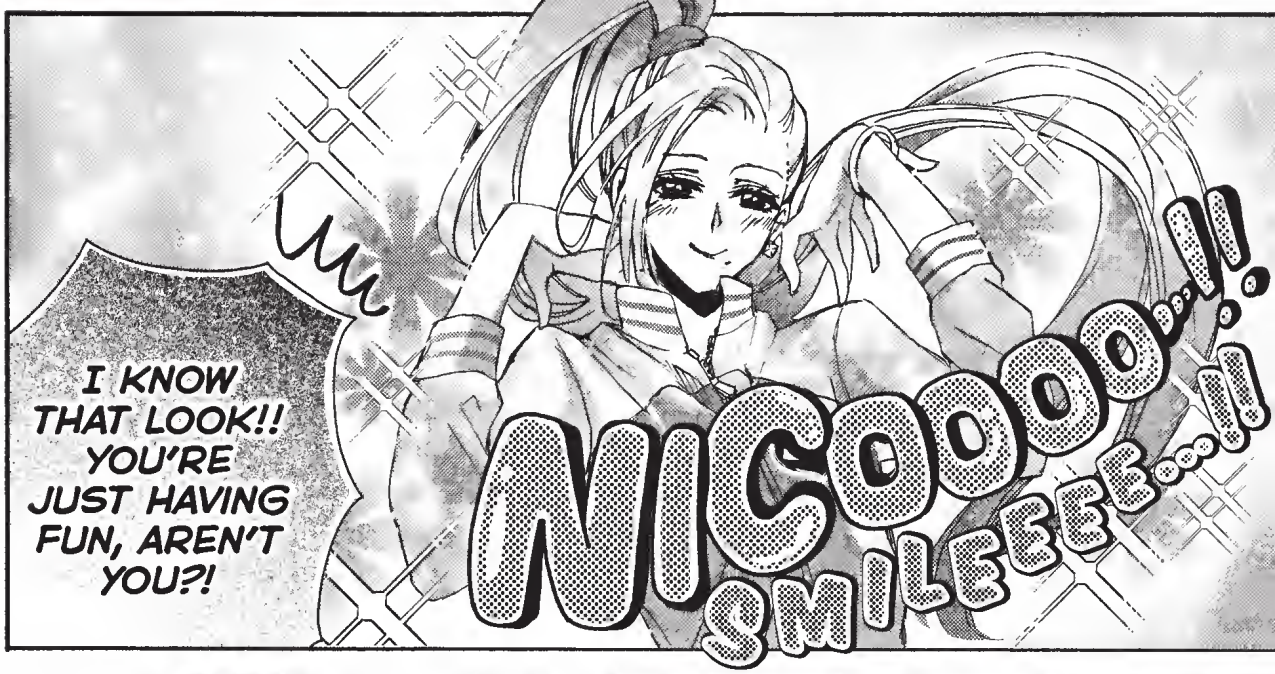
MIKIHITO OHTORI-SAMA! WELCOME!
WHEEZE
ぜーはー
WHEEZE
ぜーはー
HUFF
PUFF
HUFF
PUFF
AND YOU PLEASE ENJOY YOUR SHOPPING EXPERIENCE AS WELL, YOUNG LADY.
Just go home already!
GRIND GRIND
GRIND
TURN
DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND THE TRUE APPEAL OF FLOWERS?!
HUH?!
LOOK AT ALL THE FLOWERS!
HOW... PRETTY!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

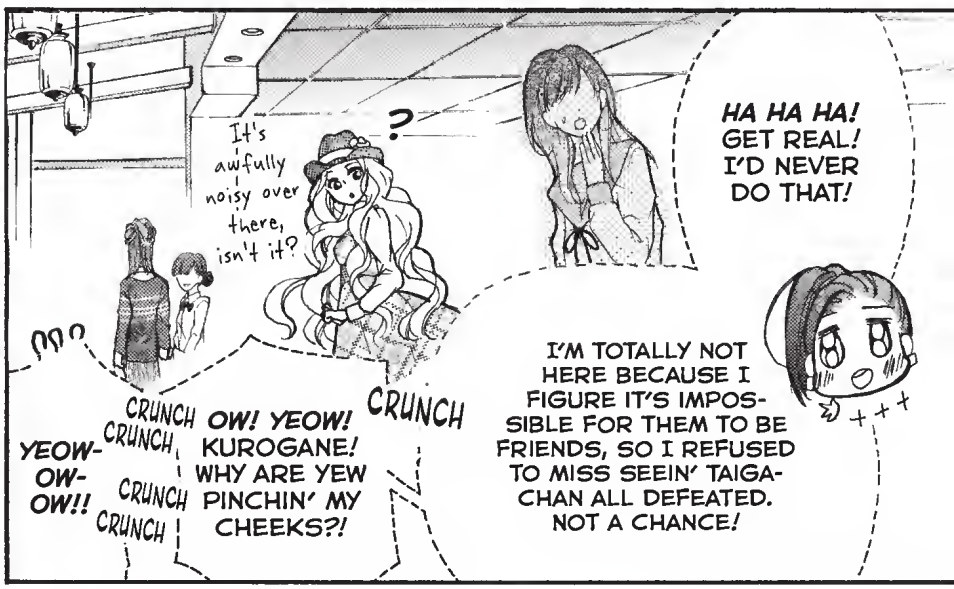
YER SUCH A DEAR, TAIGA-CHAN...!
HE'S REJECTIN' HER LEFT AND RIGHT, BUT SHE'S STILL MAIN-TAININ' HER SMILE...
I-I've got a flower in my room too. It's a pitcher plant!
HANG IN THERE!
WE'RE WITH YEW!!
LOVE
BOOOM!!

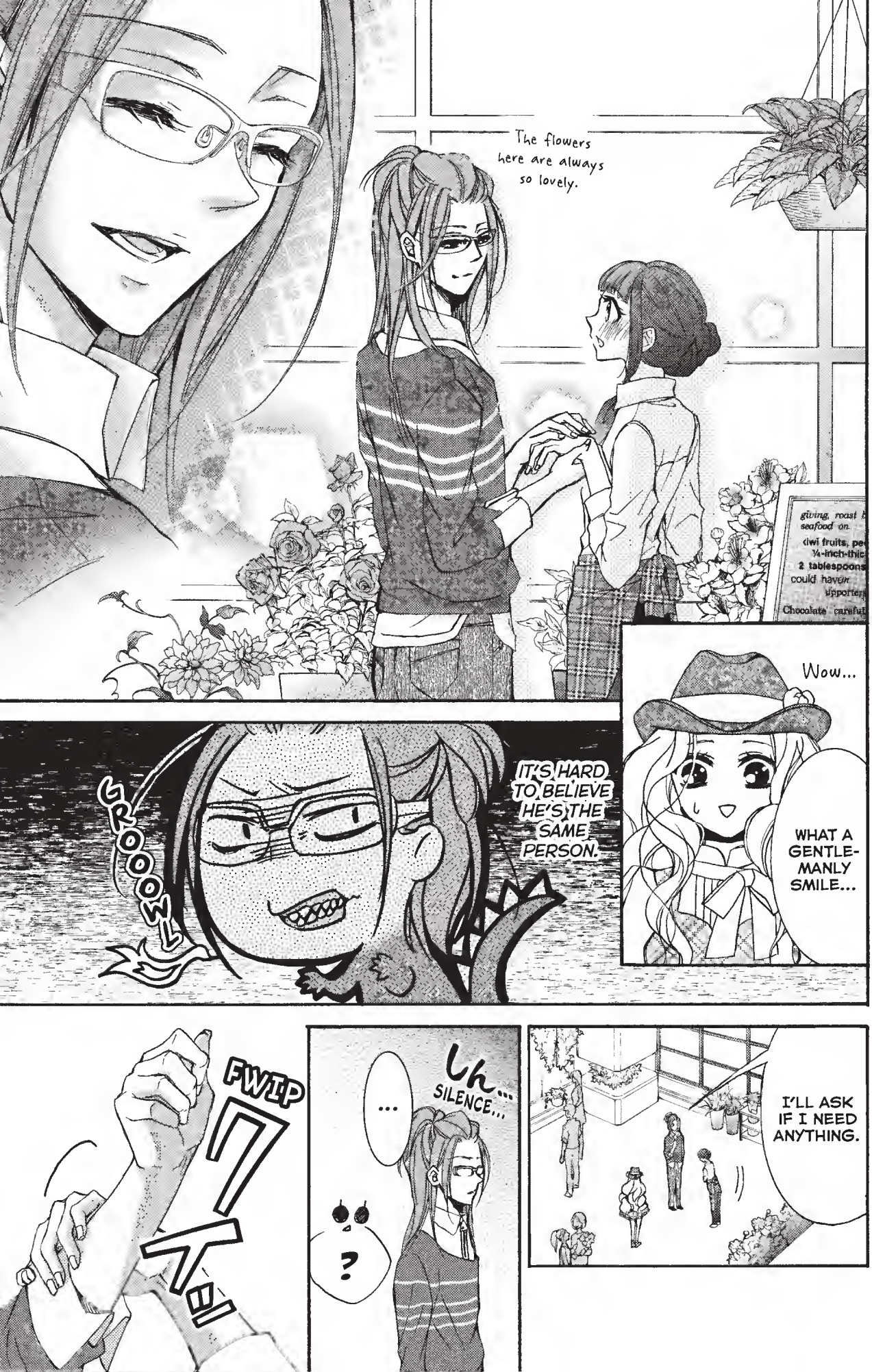

BOOOOOM!!
ANRI-CHAN AND KUROGANE-KUN, THE TAIGA-CHAN GUARD SQUAD!
♡
ANRI...
WHY ARE WE DRESSED LIKE THIS?
WHAT? THEY'RE DISGUISES, KUROGANE. WE CAN'T HAVE 'EM SPOTTIN' US WHILE WE'RE TAILIN' 'EM, CAN WE?
EEK!
Look at that couple!
A total hunk and a total babe! They're a perfect match!
SEE!
OUR DISGUISES ARE PERFECT! NO MATTER HOW YEW LOOK AT US, WE LOOK LIKE A COUPLE!!
DON'T PUT IT THAT WAY!
YES, WE ARE...
PROTECTING OUR MASTER FROM THE SHADOWS ...
FWISH
YEAH, BUT, ANRI...
...TSK!
FLAIL FLAIL
YEW CAN UNDERSTAND HOW I MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT HER, RIGHT, KUROGANE?




HUH?
MIKIHITO'S "PREFERENCES" ARE PRETTY INTENSE. AND TAIGA'S NOT USED TO MAKING FRIENDS.
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?


I KNOW THAT LOOK!! YOU'RE JUST HAVING FUN, AREN'T YOU?!
NICOOOO...!!
SMILEEE...!!


It's awfully noisy over there, isn't it?
?
HA HA HA! GET REAL! I'D NEVER DO THAT!
I'M TOTALLY NOT HERE BECAUSE I FIGURE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO BE FRIENDS, SO I REFUSED TO MISS SEEIN' TAIGA-CHAN ALL DEFEATED. NOT A CHANCE!
CRUNCH
OW! YEOW! KUROGANE! WHY ARE YEW PINCHIN' MY CHEEKS?!
YEOW-OW-OW!!
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH


The flowers here are always so lovely.
Wow...
WHAT A GENTLE-MANLY SMILE...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S THE SAME PERSON.
GROOOWL
I'LL ASK IF I NEED ANYTHING.
Uh... SILENCE...
...
?
FWIP
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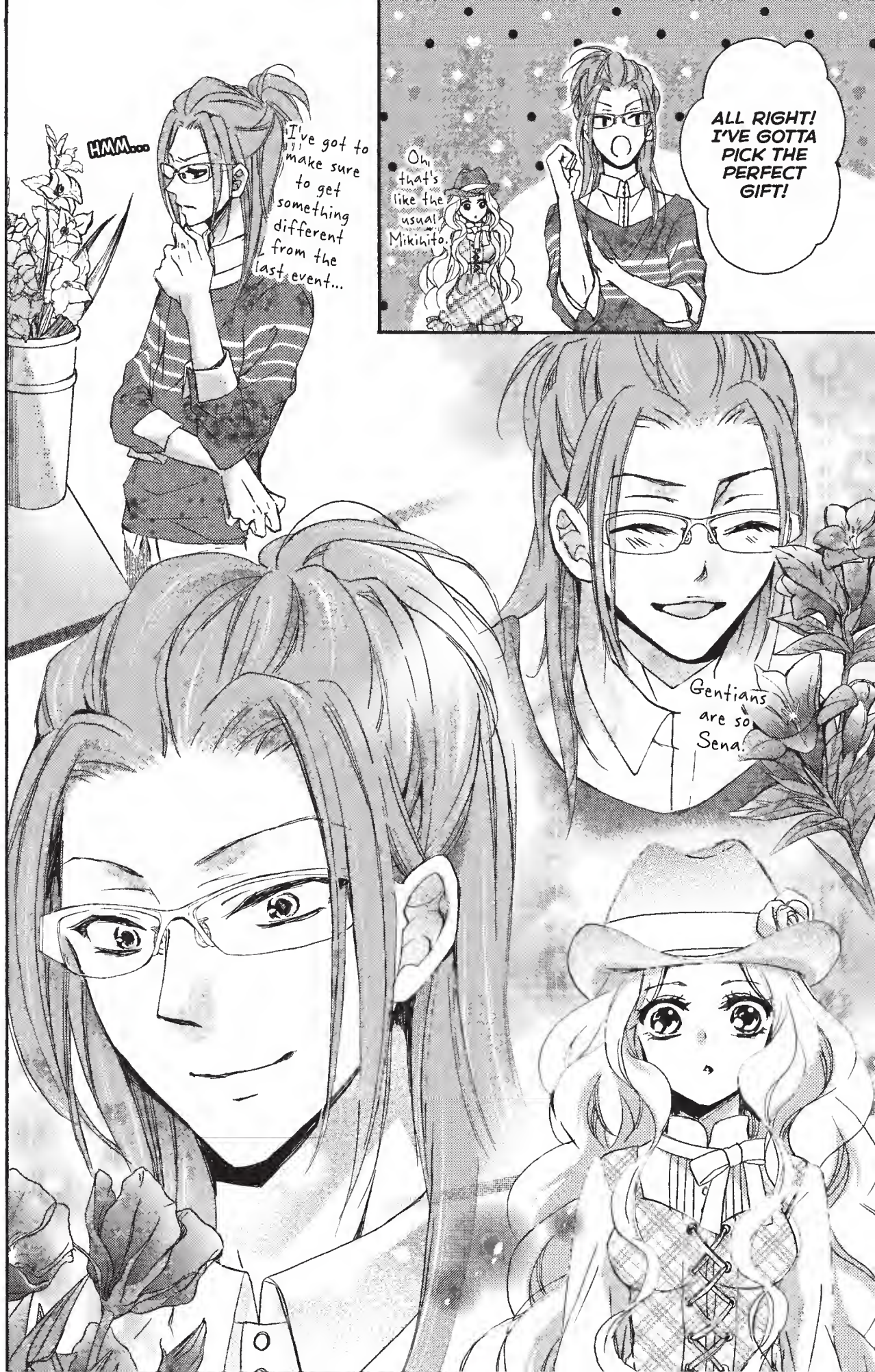
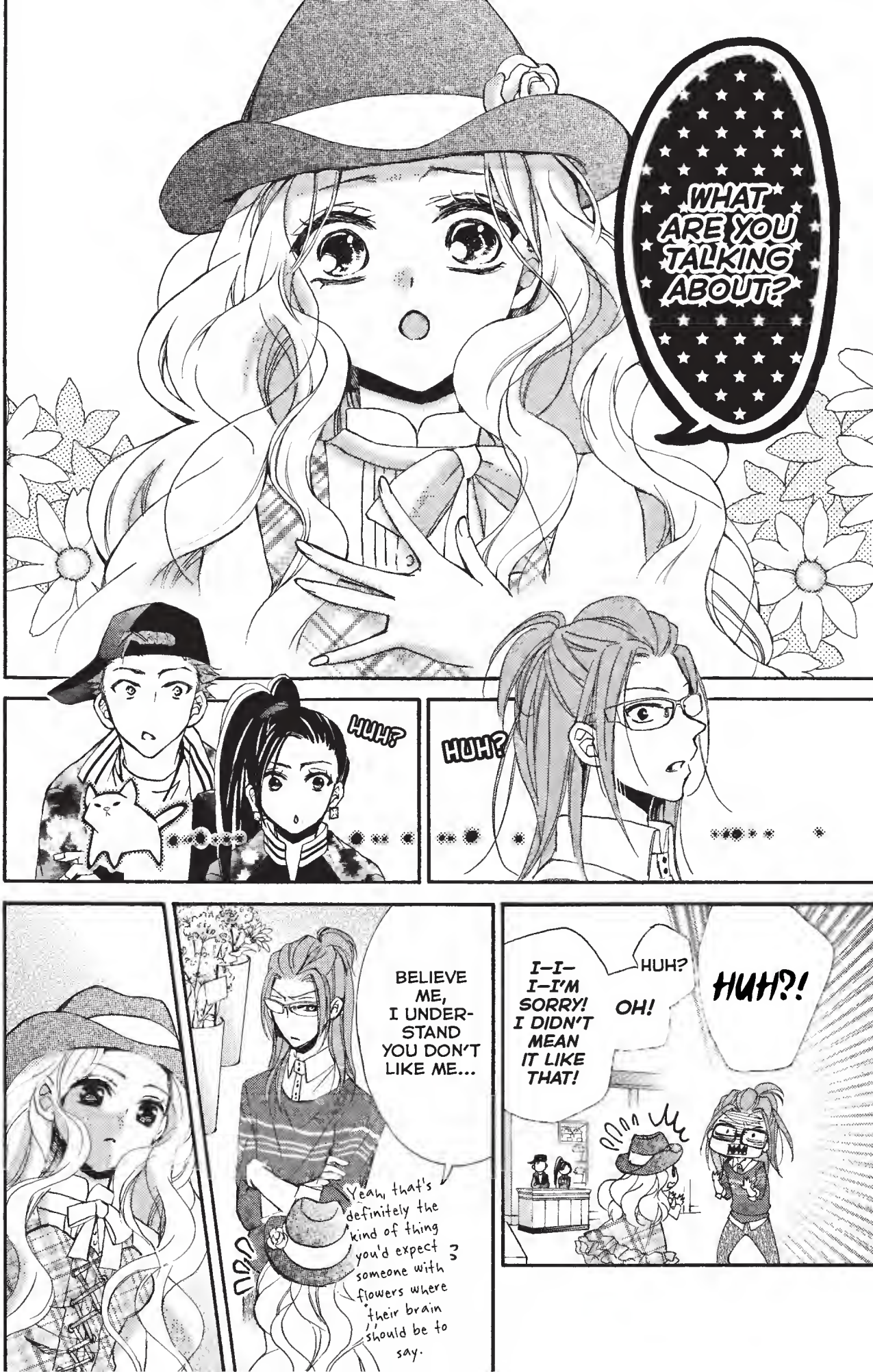
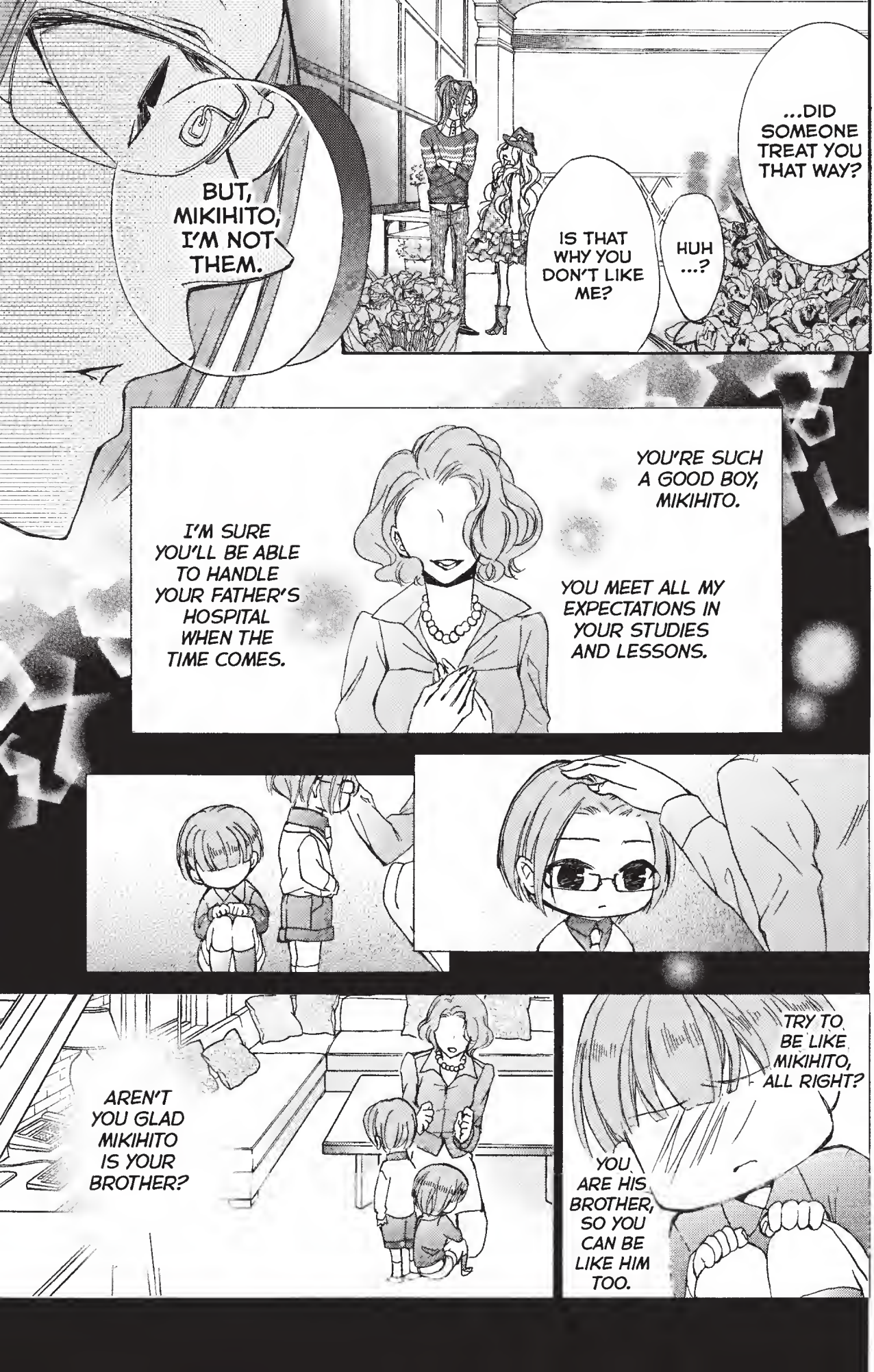

ALL RIGHT! I'VE GOTTA PICK THE PERFECT GIFT!
Oh, that's like the usual Mikihito.
HMM...
I've got to make sure to get something different from the last event...
Gentians are so Sena.

GO ON. JUST GO HOME ALREADY, TAIGA.
HAVING YOU BUZZING AROUND ME IS ANNOYING.
HE'S TALKING ABOUT ME LIKE I'M SOME KIND OF BUG!!
GRR
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
I'M STILL HERE?!
...HUH.
OH! HEY! HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?! I TOLD YOU TO GET LOST!
HUH ?!
NO! I WANT TO HELP CHOOSE SENA'S FLOWERS!
ズズズ
WHOOSH
HE HASN'T BEAT ME YET!
I'M GONNA HELP YOU PICK!
THEN TELL ME! LET'S PICK TOGETHER!
I MEAN, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SENA LIKES.
STOP WITH YOUR JOKES.
SIGH...
OH! ♪
OH! ♪
HYPE! HYPE!
わくわく

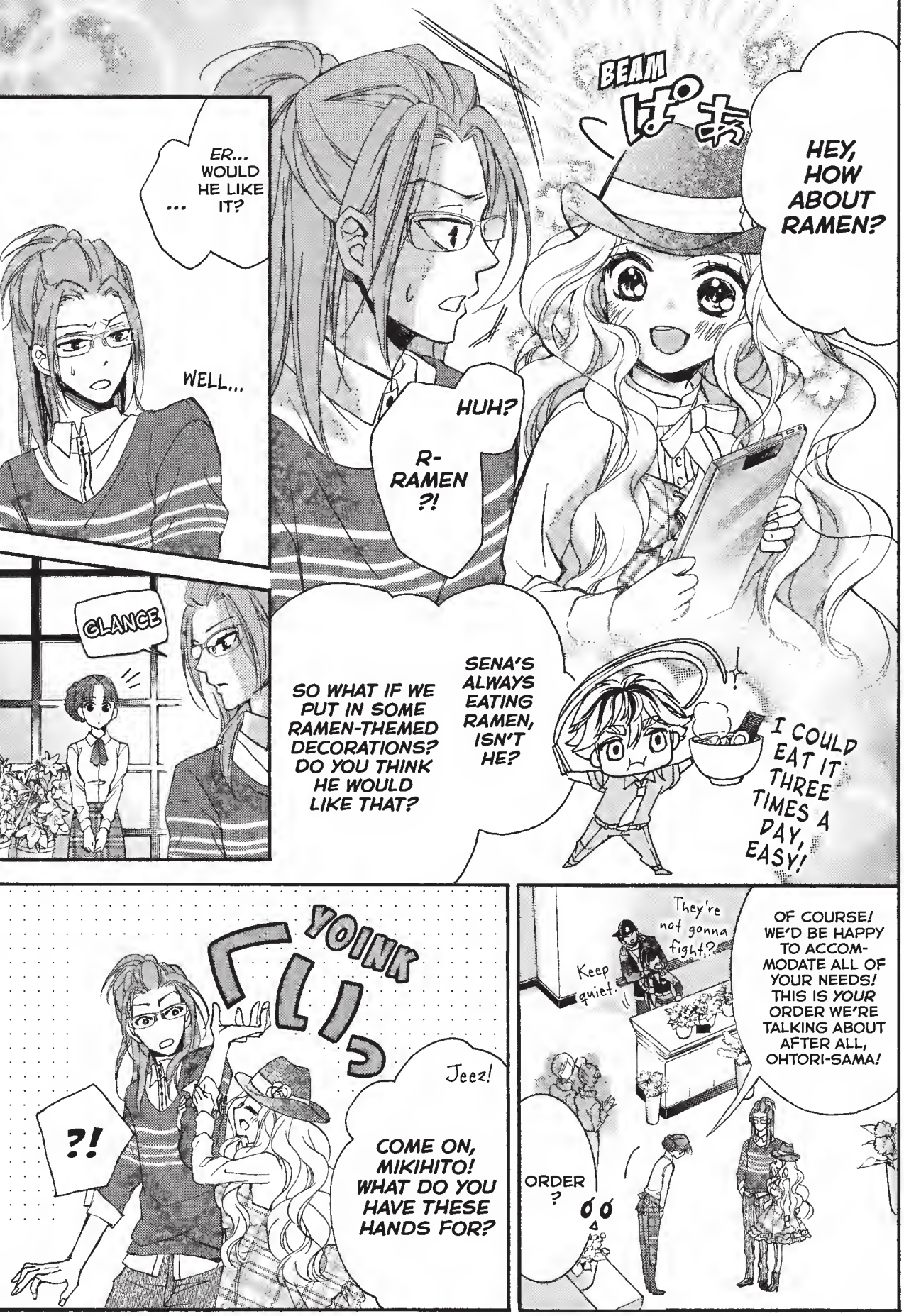
WHAM
!!
...E-EXCUSE ME?
OHTORI-SAMA? IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
I'M SORRY. WOULD YOU MIND STAYING OUT OF THIS?
I-I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER A LITTLE...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU I *DON'T LIKE* BEING AROUND *YOU*?
AND NOW YOU WANT TO "GET TO KNOW" ME? HOW?
PEOPLE WITH HEADS FULL OF SUNSHINE AND ROSES REALLY TICK ME OFF. THEY ONLY THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING GOING THEIR WAY.

...
DO YOU GET IT NOW? GET LOST.
MURMUR MURMUR
I'VE SEEN PEOPLE GET HURT BEING DRAGGED AROUND LIKE THAT! FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS!!
AND I'M TIRED OF IT!!

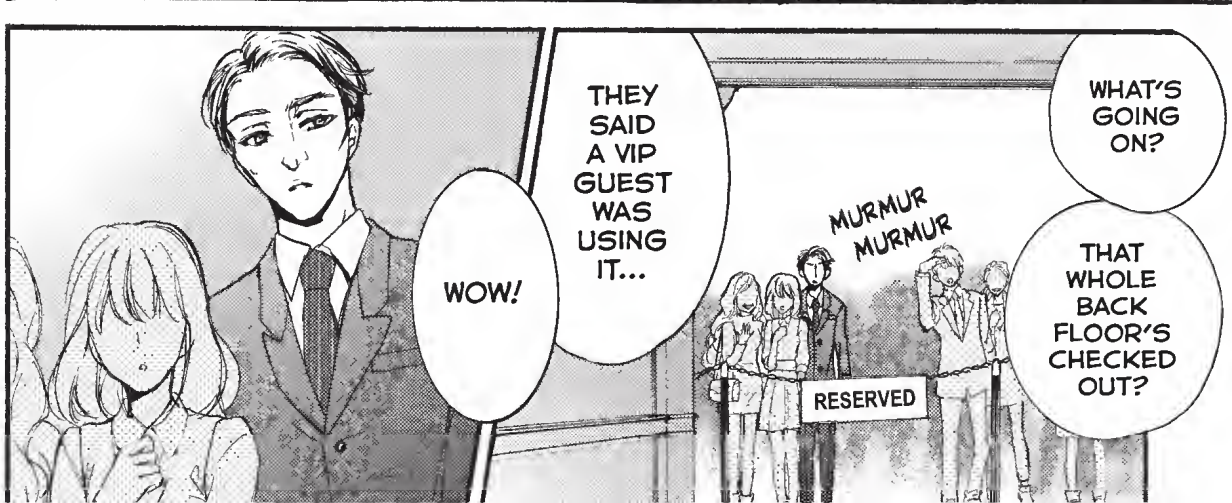

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?
HUH?
BELIEVE ME, I UNDERSTAND YOU DON'T LIKE ME...
Yeah, that's definitely the kind of thing you'd expect someone with flowers where their brain should be to say.
I-I-I-I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT!
HUH?
OH!
HUH?!

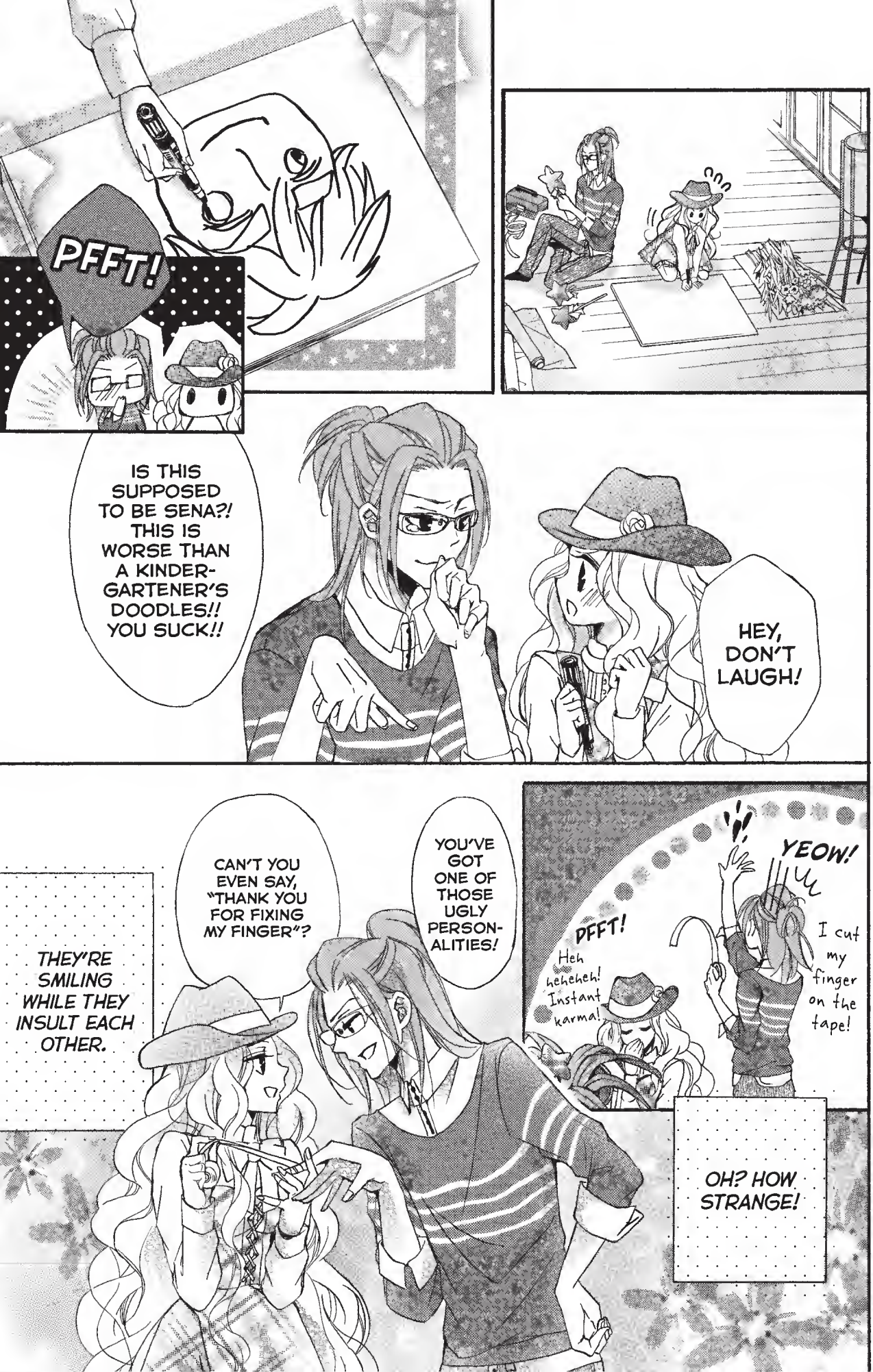

BUT, MIKIHITO, I'M NOT THEM.
IS THAT WHY YOU DON'T LIKE ME?
HUH ...?
...DID SOMEONE TREAT YOU THAT WAY?
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BOY, MIKIHITO.
YOU MEET ALL MY EXPECTATIONS IN YOUR STUDIES AND LESSONS.
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE YOUR FATHER'S HOSPITAL WHEN THE TIME COMES.
AREN'T YOU GLAD MIKIHITO IS YOUR BROTHER?
TRY TO BE LIKE MIKIHITO, ALL RIGHT?
YOU ARE HIS BROTHER, SO YOU CAN BE LIKE HIM TOO.

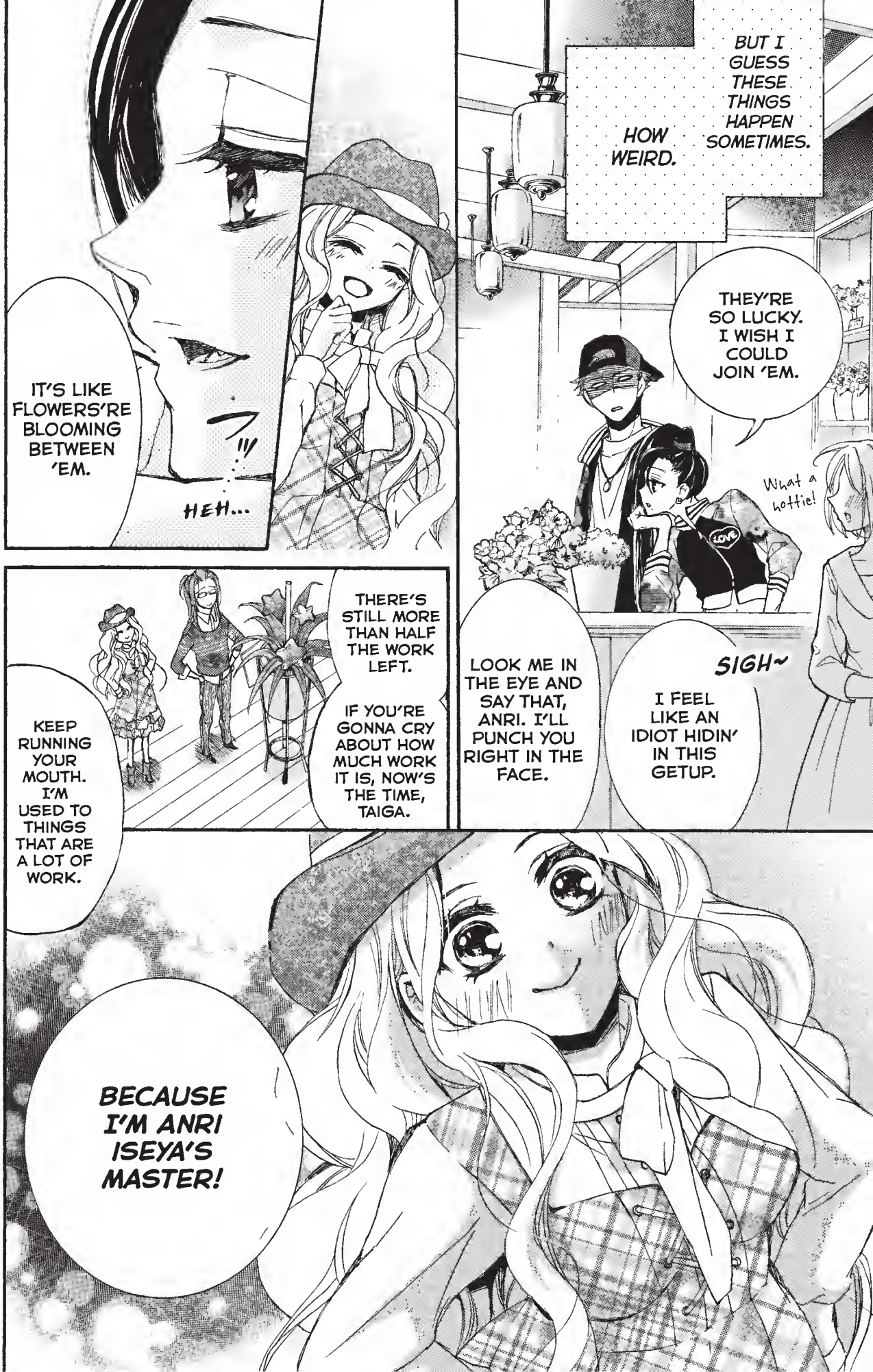
H-HUH? OH GOSH, DID I...
JUST SAY SOMETHING I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE?!
Wh-Wh-Wh-What should I do?
HUH?
HUH?
...!
SENA'S PRESENT! Y-YEAH, WE'VE GOTTA PICK OUT SENA'S PRESENT!
OH!
ER...
UM...
CHAMPAGNE!
CONGRATS
HEARTS!
Congratulations
HUH...
LOOK! LOOK! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY GIVE UNUSUAL ARRANGEMENTS AS GIFTS AT VOICE ACTOR EVENTS!
KITTIES!


BEAM
ぱぉ
HEY, HOW ABOUT RAMEN?
HUH? R-RAMEN ?!
I COULD EAT IT THREE TIMES A DAY, EASY!
SENA'S ALWAYS EATING RAMEN, ISN'T HE?
SO WHAT IF WE PUT IN SOME RAMEN-THEMED DECORATIONS? DO YOU THINK HE WOULD LIKE THAT?
GLANCE
ER... WOULD HE LIKE IT?
... WELL...
YOINK
くいっ
?!
Jeez!
COME ON, MIKIHITO! WHAT DO YOU HAVE THESE HANDS FOR?
They're not gonna fight?
Keep quiet!!
OF COURSE! WE'D BE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF YOUR NEEDS! THIS IS YOUR ORDER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AFTER ALL, OHTORI-SAMA!
ORDER ?

LET'S MAKE A REAL CUTE ARRANGE-MENT!!
HEY, WE'RE HERE, AREN'T WE?!
...WHA?! HUH?! YOU'VE GOTTA BE KID-DING!!
COME ON!
YANK
YANK...Y-YANK...
Come on!! Mikihito!! Come on!!


WOW!
THEY SAID A VIP GUEST WAS USING IT...
MURMUR MURMUR
RESERVED
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THAT WHOLE BACK FLOOR'S CHECKED OUT?

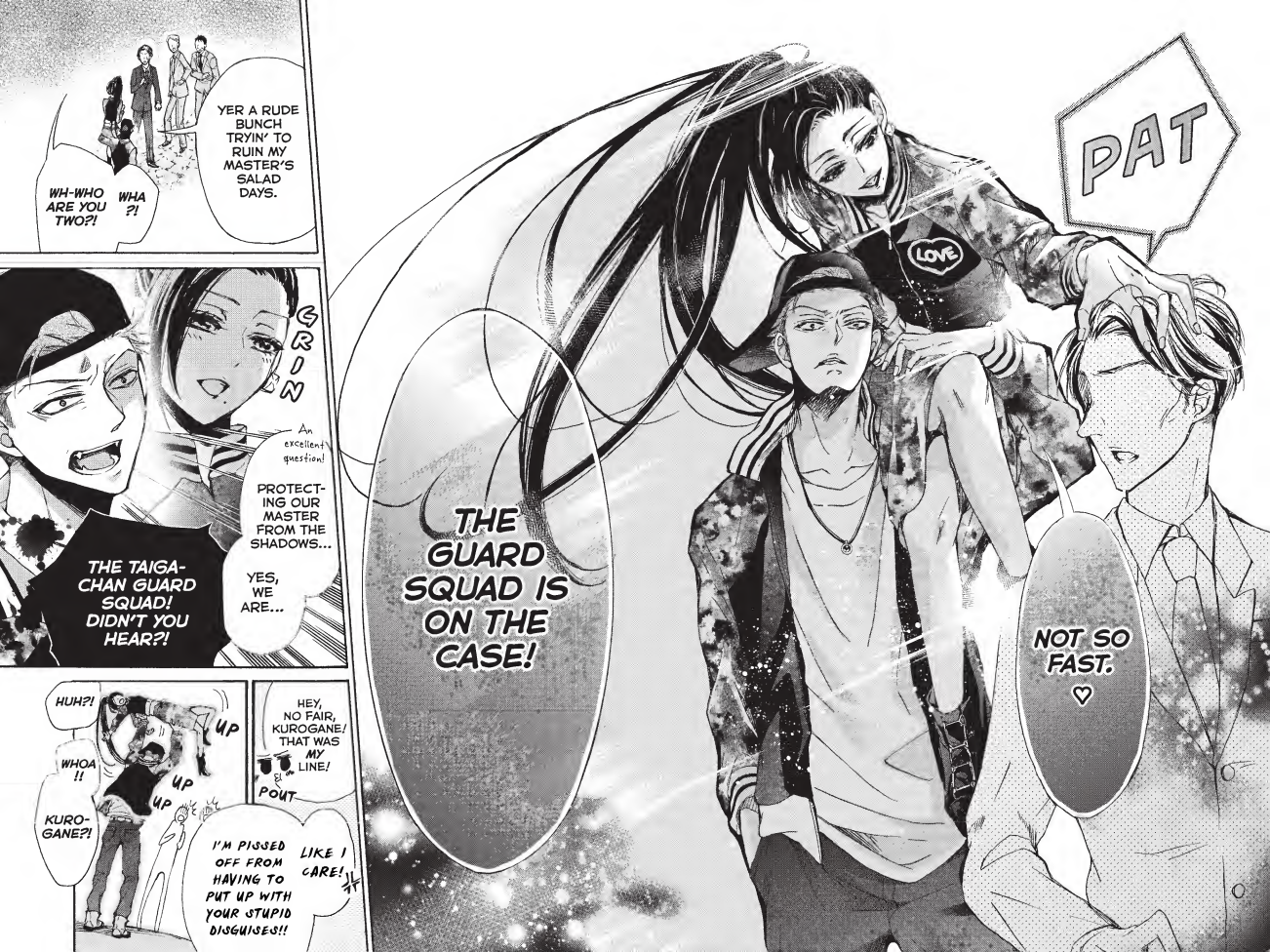

PFFT!
IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE SENA?! THIS IS WORSE THAN A KINDER-GARTENER'S DOODLES!! YOU SUCK!!
HEY, DON'T LAUGH!
THEY'RE SMILING WHILE THEY INSULT EACH OTHER.
CAN'T YOU EVEN SAY, "THANK YOU FOR FIXING MY FINGER"?
YOU'VE GOT ONE OF THOSE UGLY PERSON-ALITIES!
YEOW!
I cut my finger on the tape!
PFFT!
Heh heheheh! Instant karma!
OH? HOW STRANGE!

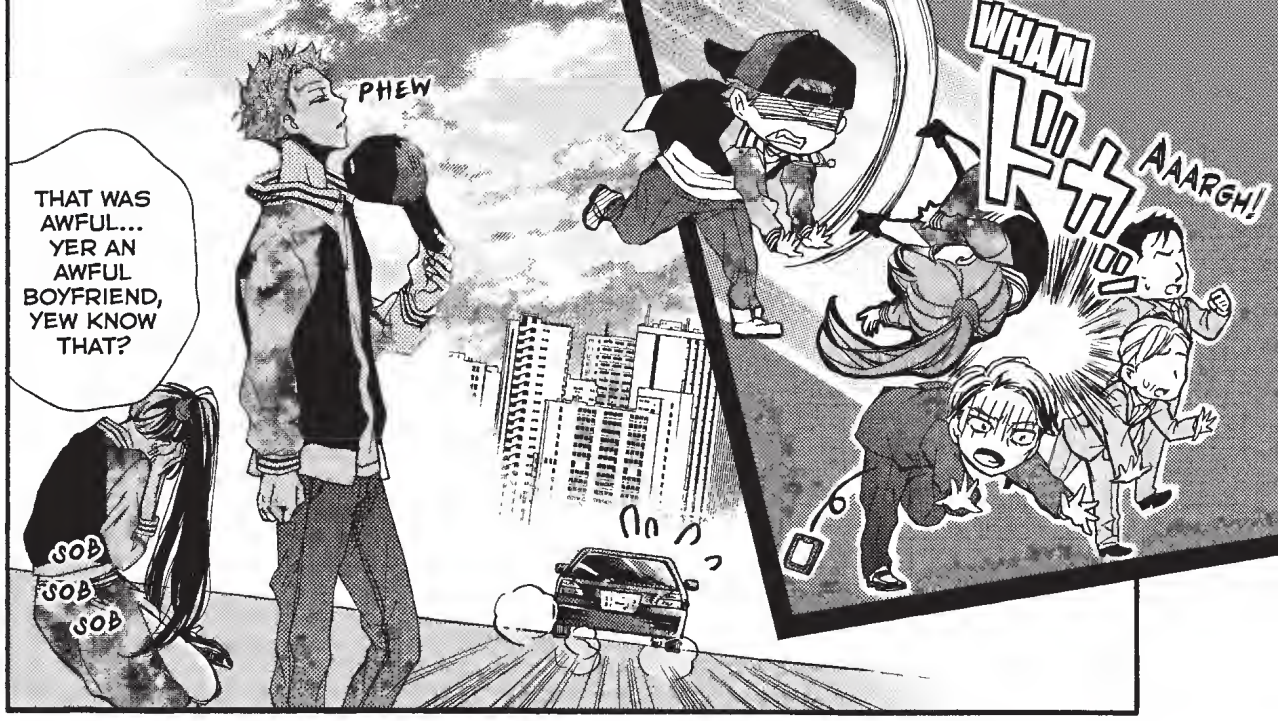

BUT I GUESS THESE THINGS HAPPEN SOMETIMES.
HOW WEIRD.
THEY'RE SO LUCKY. I WISH I COULD JOIN 'EM.
What a hottie!
SIGH~
I FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT HIDIN' IN THIS GETUP.
LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND SAY THAT, ANRI. I'LL PUNCH YOU RIGHT IN THE FACE.
IT'S LIKE FLOWERS'RE BLOOMING BETWEEN 'EM.
!!!
HEH...
THERE'S STILL MORE THAN HALF THE WORK LEFT.
IF YOU'RE GONNA CRY ABOUT HOW MUCH WORK IT IS, NOW'S THE TIME, TAIGA.
KEEP RUNNING YOUR MOUTH. I'M USED TO THINGS THAT ARE A LOT OF WORK.
BECAUSE I'M ANRI ISEYA'S MASTER!

FWIP...
CRASH
Taiga-chan...!
DID SHE SAY... ANRI ISEYA?!
RESERVED
...

HOW LONG HAVE YOU AND ANRI BEEN FRIENDS, MIKIHITO?
HUH?
"Friends"?
WELL, I KNOW ANRI AND KURO-GANE ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS...
BUT ARE YOU TOO?
OH, I MET HIM AFTER STARTING HIGH SCHOOL.
UNTIL THEN, ANRI APPAR-ENTLY LIVED IN KYOTO.
HUH.
"YER NOT REALLY THE GENTLEMAN TYPE, ARE YEW?"
I MET HIM AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY AND HE SAW THROUGH ME IN TWO SECONDS FLAT.
AHA HA HA!
I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT "WHAT A CREEP!" OR SOMETHING AT FIRST...
BUT NO ONE HAD EVER REALLY AC-CEPTED MY DARK SIDE BEFORE...
SO, BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS HANGING AROUND WITH HIM EVERY DAY.
AHHH! I get it!!
?

HUUUH?!
YOU'RE TOTALLY WRONG!! THAT SMUG LOOK ON YOUR FACE REALLY TICKS ME OFF!!
AHA HA HA!
YOU TRIED TO PUSH ME AWAY TO PROTECT ANRI AND THE REST OF YOUR FRIENDS, RIGHT?!
WHA?!
YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS, DON'T YOU, MIKIHITO?
HUH?!


YER A RUDE BUNCH TRYIN' TO RUIN MY MASTER'S SALAD DAYS.
WHA ?!
WH-WHO ARE YOU TWO?!
GRIN
An excellent question!
PROTECTING OUR MASTER FROM THE SHADOWS...
YES, WE ARE...
THE TAIGA-CHAN GUARD SQUAD! DIDN'T YOU HEAR?!
HUH?!
UP
UP
UP
WHOA !!
KURO-GANE?!
I'M PISSED OFF FROM HAVING TO PUT UP WITH YOUR STUPID DISGUISES!!
HEY, NO FAIR, KUROGANE! THAT WAS MY LINE!
POUT
LIKE I CARE!
THE GUARD SQUAD IS ON THE CASE!
PAT
LOVE
NOT SO FAST. ♡


PHEW
THAT WAS AWFUL... YER AN AWFUL BOYFRIEND, YEW KNOW THAT?
SOB
SOB
SOB
WHAM
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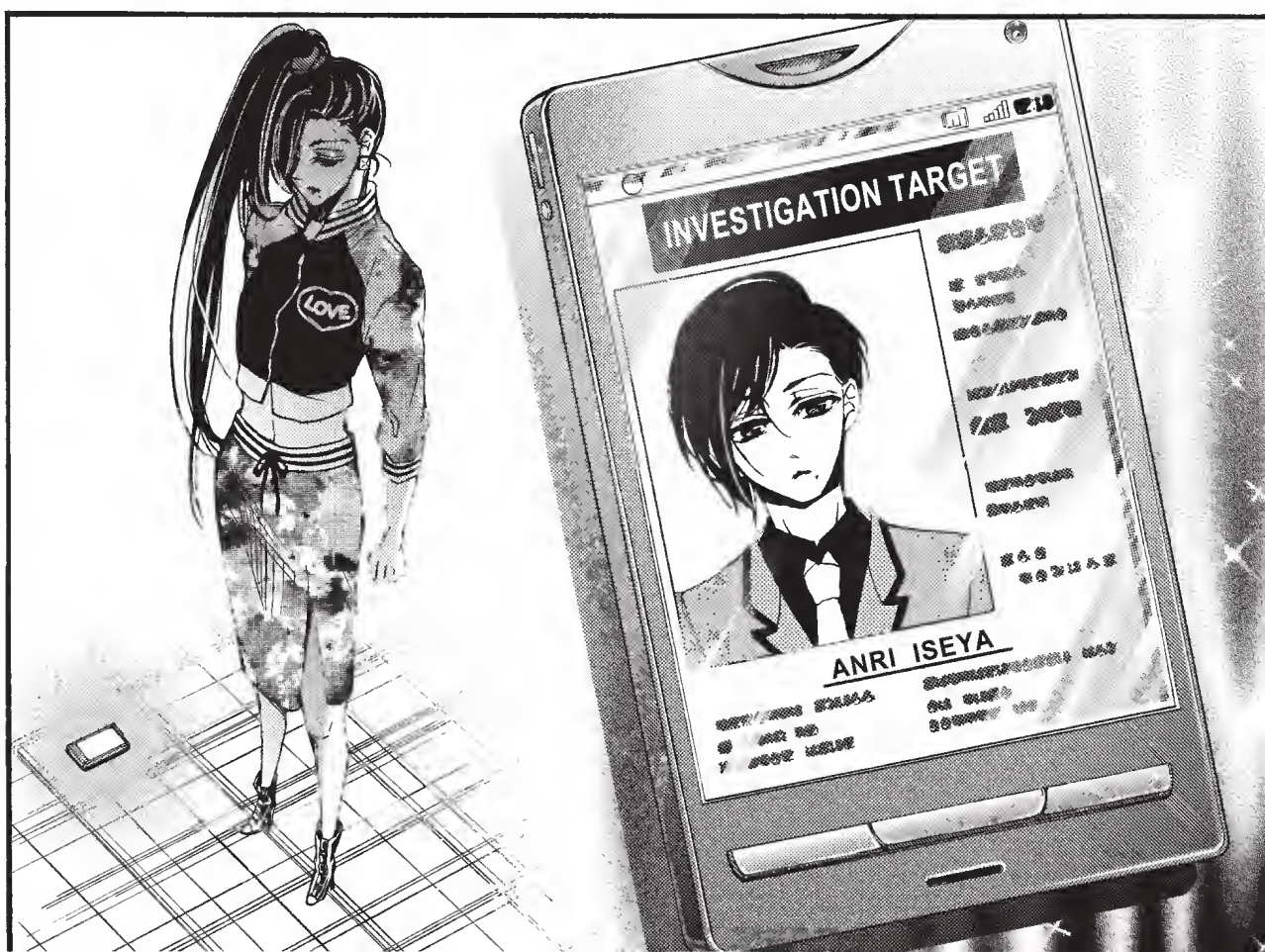
AAARGH!


LOVE
INVESTIGATION TARGET
ANRI ISEYA

CRUNCH
しお さん…
TA-
しゃー
DAH
ーん
SENA-KUN
CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR DVD RELEASE
IT'S...
IT'S DONE!
♪
COME ON! I'VE NEVER DONE THIS WITH A FRIEND BEFORE!
...!
Aw, don't leave me hanging!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU REALLY DID IT...
HOW CUTE!
HOORAY!!
SENA-KUN
CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR DVD RELEASE
HIGH-FIVE ME! COME ON! RAISE YOUR HAND!
Huh ...?
HIGH-FIVE ME, MIKIHITO!

SIGH...
...I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE ME TAKE BACK THAT CRACK ABOUT YOU HAVING A HEAD FULL OF FLOWERS.
HUH?
I'M SAYING YOU WIN!
WOW!
SENA-KUN'S FLOWER STAND IS INCREDIBLE!
I KNOW! IT'S SO CUTE!
SENA-KUN
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DVD RELEASE!
NO, THOSE EYE-BROWS ARE WAY TOO THICK, RIGHT?
HOW DO TAIGA AND MIKIHITO SEE ME?

TRAP 16

Want it So Bad I Can't Stand it

ANRI-SEMPAI... ♡
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY WITH US AGAIN?
HEH
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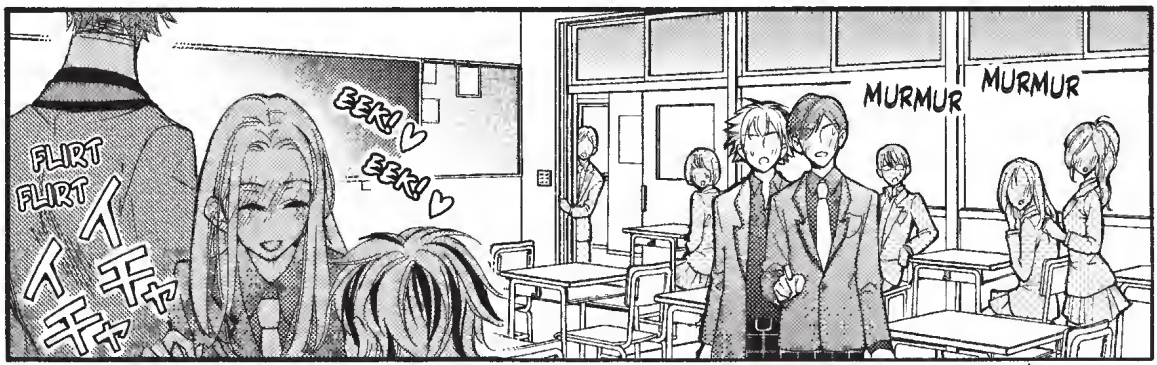
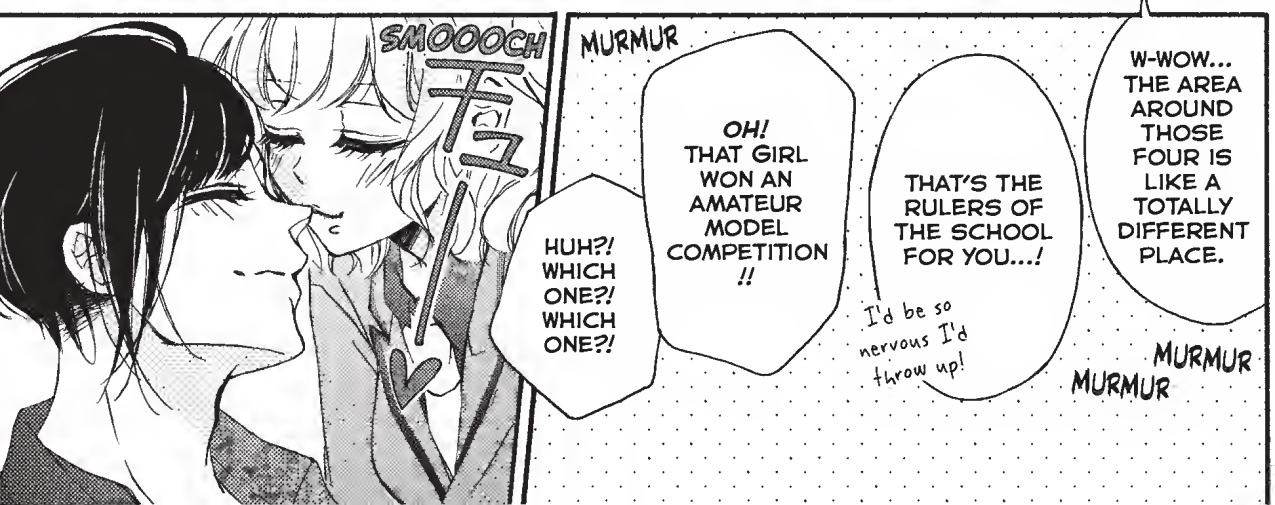
HEH HEH
クスクス

MY PARENTS AREN'T COMING HOME TONIGHT...
KUROGANE-SEMPAI, PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE BEACH AGAIN!
SENA-SEMPAI, MIKIHITO-SEMPAI, TELL ME WHEN YOU'RE GETTING A DAY OFF! ♡


FLIRT FLIRT イチャイチャ
EEK! ♡
EEK! ♡
MURMUR
MURMUR


SMOOCH チュ♡
HUH?! WHICH ONE?! WHICH ONE?!
MURMUR
OH! THAT GIRL WON AN AMATEUR MODEL COMPETITION !!
THAT'S THE RULERS OF THE SCHOOL FOR YOU...!
I'd be so nervous I'd throw up!
W-WOW... THE AREA AROUND THOSE FOUR IS LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PLACE.
MURMUR
MURMUR

I'M BORED WITH IT.
AND I'VE GOT TOO MUCH TIME ON MY HANDS.
CHATTER CHATTER
CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい
SK-SKREK
SKREK
THEY'VE GOT THEIR PICK OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY!!
EEK!
EEK!
I BET THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO GET BORED WITH IT.

THUNK
YAWN!
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK FROM THE GIRLS?
YOU SHOULD TURN SOME OF THEM AWAY.
AGAIN? DIDN'T YOU SAY THE SAME THING BEFORE?
OH!!
TAIGA-CHAN'S CLASS IS IN P.E. TOO!
TA~I~GA~ CHA~N!
Oh, it's Anri-sempai.
JEEZ, STOP ACTING SILLY!
SHOO! SHOO!
HUH?
MAYBE I'LL ASK TAIGA-CHAN OUT ON A DATE.
!
Wow, looks like she doesn't want to deal with you at all.
HOW CUTE!
SHE NEVER REALLY GOES EASY ON YOU, AFTER ALL.

SHE'S USUALLY SO STRONG-WILLED, BUT SHE'LL BE BAWLIN' HER EYES OUT...
AND I'LL HAVE HER TEARS ALL TO MYSELF!
♥
...
A DATE? YOU AND TAIGA?
?!
A SPECIAL DATE WHERE I DROP HER OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS.
H-HE'S KIDDING ABOUT ABANDONING HER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS... RIGHT?
LOOK.
THIS IS ANRI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK HE WOULDN'T DO IT?
ZOOM
I'M GONNA GO INVITE HER RIGHT NOW!
While the gettin' is good!
ANRI!
...

HEY, STAY OUTTA MY WAY, KUROGANE!
DON'T SCREW WITH ME! I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU GET YOUR WAY!
...NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
STOMP
STOMP
WHOOSH
AND THE BOY YOU LIKED...
IF YOUR PET...
TAIGA!
TAIGA-CHAN!
WILL YOU/YEW GO ON A DATE WITH ME?!
INVITED YOU ON A DATE AT THE SAME TIME?!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?!

HUH?!
HUU-UUUU-UH?!?!
What the heck?!
HUH?
HUH?

THUMP THUMP
WHICH ONE...
WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
THUMP THUMP
A DATE?! WITH ME?!
THUMP THUMP
WHY IS KURO-GANE...?
WHAT?!
NO WAY! I WASH HERE FIRST!
I GOH HERE FIRST!

SQUEEZE
IF YOU'LL REALLY HAVE ME...

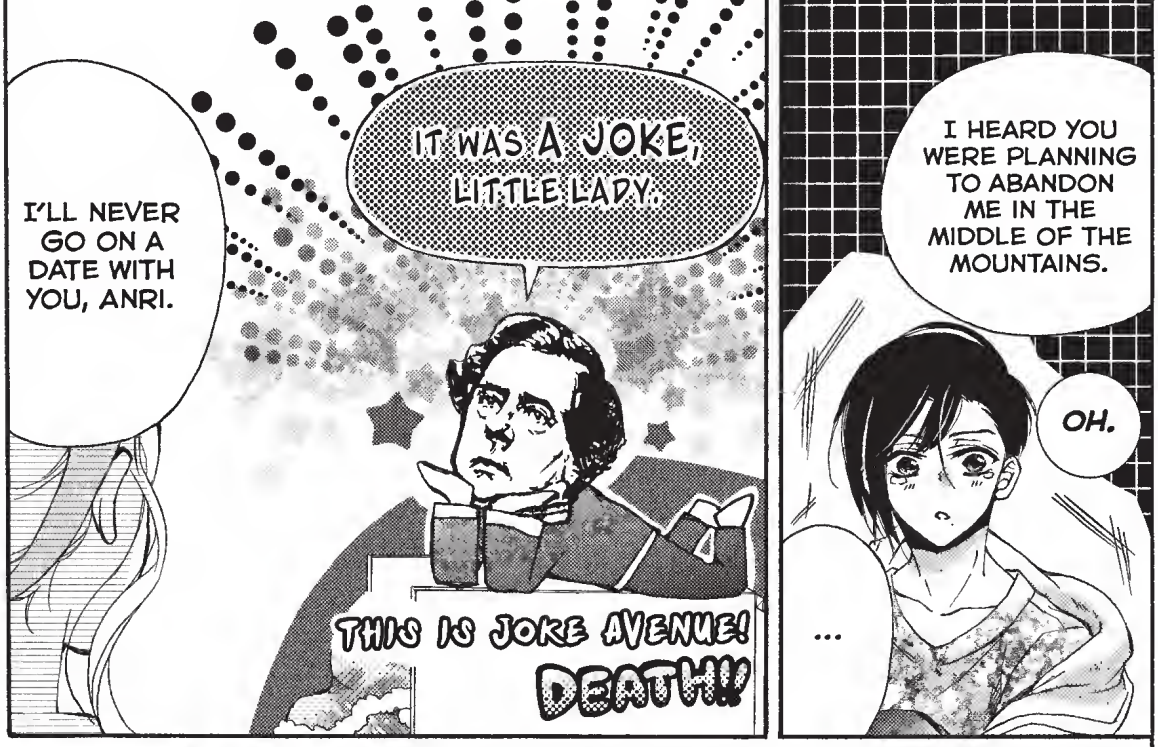
4 WHAT I WEAR AT HOME

TAIGA WEARS ALL SORTS OF THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE, BUT TORIUMI WEARS MOSTLY SWEATS.

AND WHEN WORKING ON COMICS, I GENERALLY WEAR THE SAME THING, WHICH MEANS...I WEAR THE SAME THING ALL YEAR ROUND...? HMM?

OLD, BROKEN-IN ONES ARE MORE COMFORTABLE THAN NEW, STIFF ONES, SO I LOVE THOSE.

HEY! I WAS ASKED OUT ON A DATE, ANRI!
SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB
SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB
KUROGANE INVITED ME ON A DATE...!
THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE EVENT!!
SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB SOB
AND WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO COMPLAIN TO ME?
I'M NOT GOING ON ANY DATES WITH YOU!
BOO! BOO!
Hey, I can't help it!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CRYING, ANRI! LISTEN TO THIS!
HAVE YEW NO HEART?!

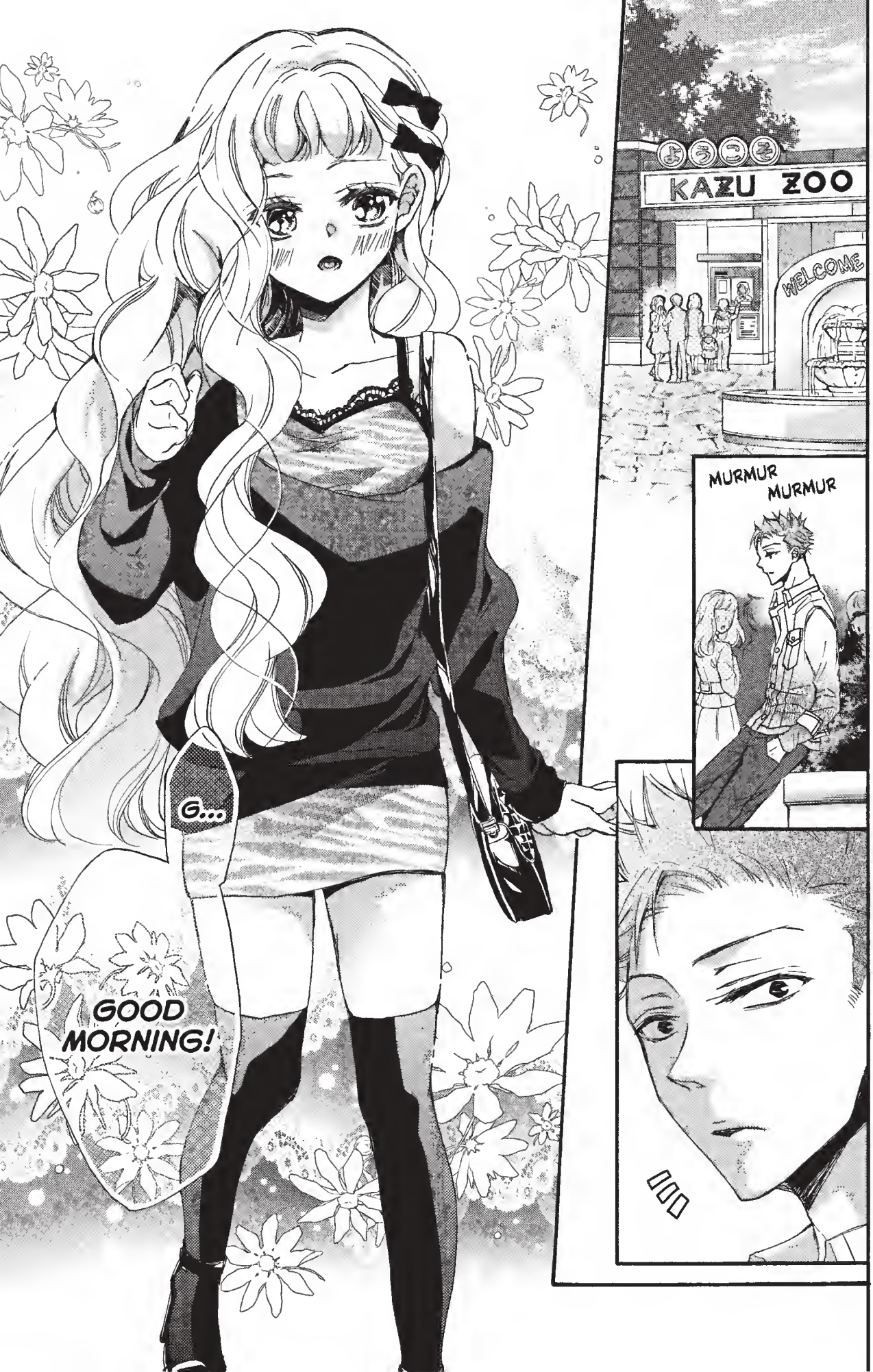


Note: Reference to an old Japanese internet meme featuring Commodore Matthew Perry begging Japan to open its ports.

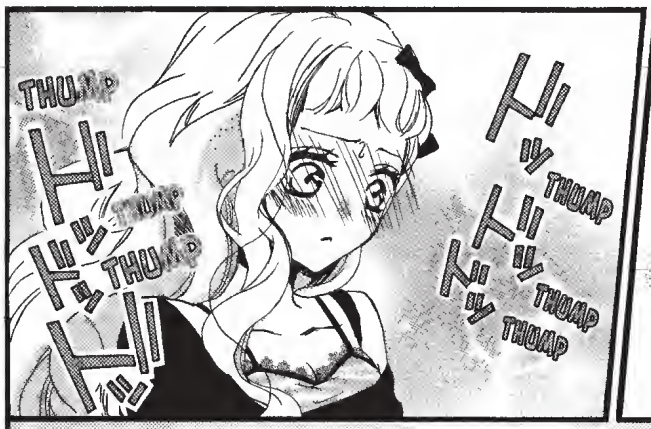
"DID SHE SAY... ANRI ISEYA?"
INVESTIGATION TARGET
ANRI ISEYA

MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF YEW AIN'T THERE.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING, ANRI?
...
JEEZ! AFTER THE TEARS COMES THE POUTING!
ANRI... LISTEN TO ME, ANRI...
EEK!
CHOMP
WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
I'LL HELP YEW PICK YER CLOTHES.
HUH?!
LET'S TURN YEW INTO THE BABE OF KUROGANE'S DREAMS!

How about this?
It's real cute.
They're both very charming.
That one gets me too.
THUNK
JUST SOME GOOD WILL FROM YER PET, MASTER.
WHAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?
All you're doing is complementing me!
Boy...
WHY CAN'T YEW HAVE A LITTLE MORE FUN PICKIN' OUT YER CLOTHES, TAIGA-CHAN?
I CAN'T... I KEEP THINKING ABOUT WHAT IF I GET TOO WORKED UP AND SCREW UP, SO I JUST CAN'T.
It sends shivers up my spine!


GOOD MORNING!
G...
ようこそ
KAZU ZOO
WELCOME
MURMUR MURMUR
III

...
YEAH.


THUMP
THUMP
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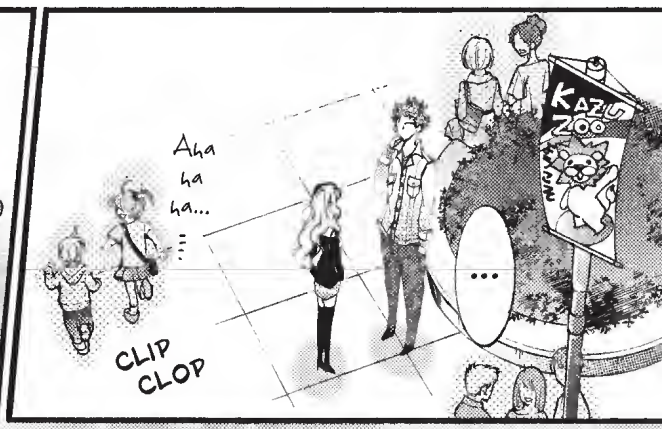
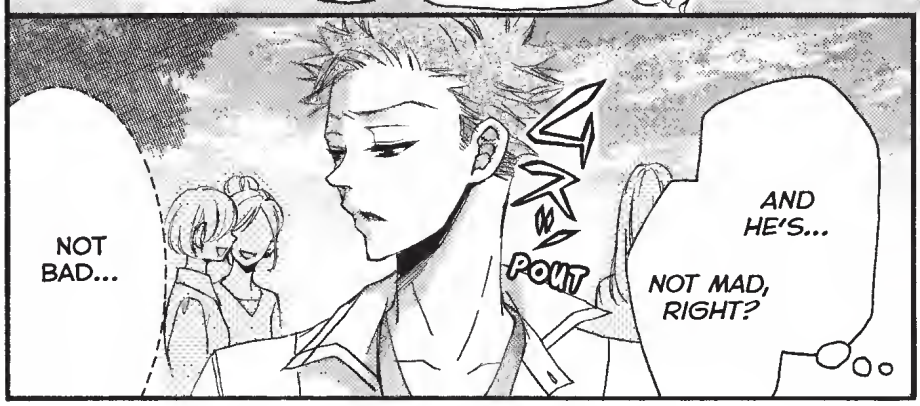
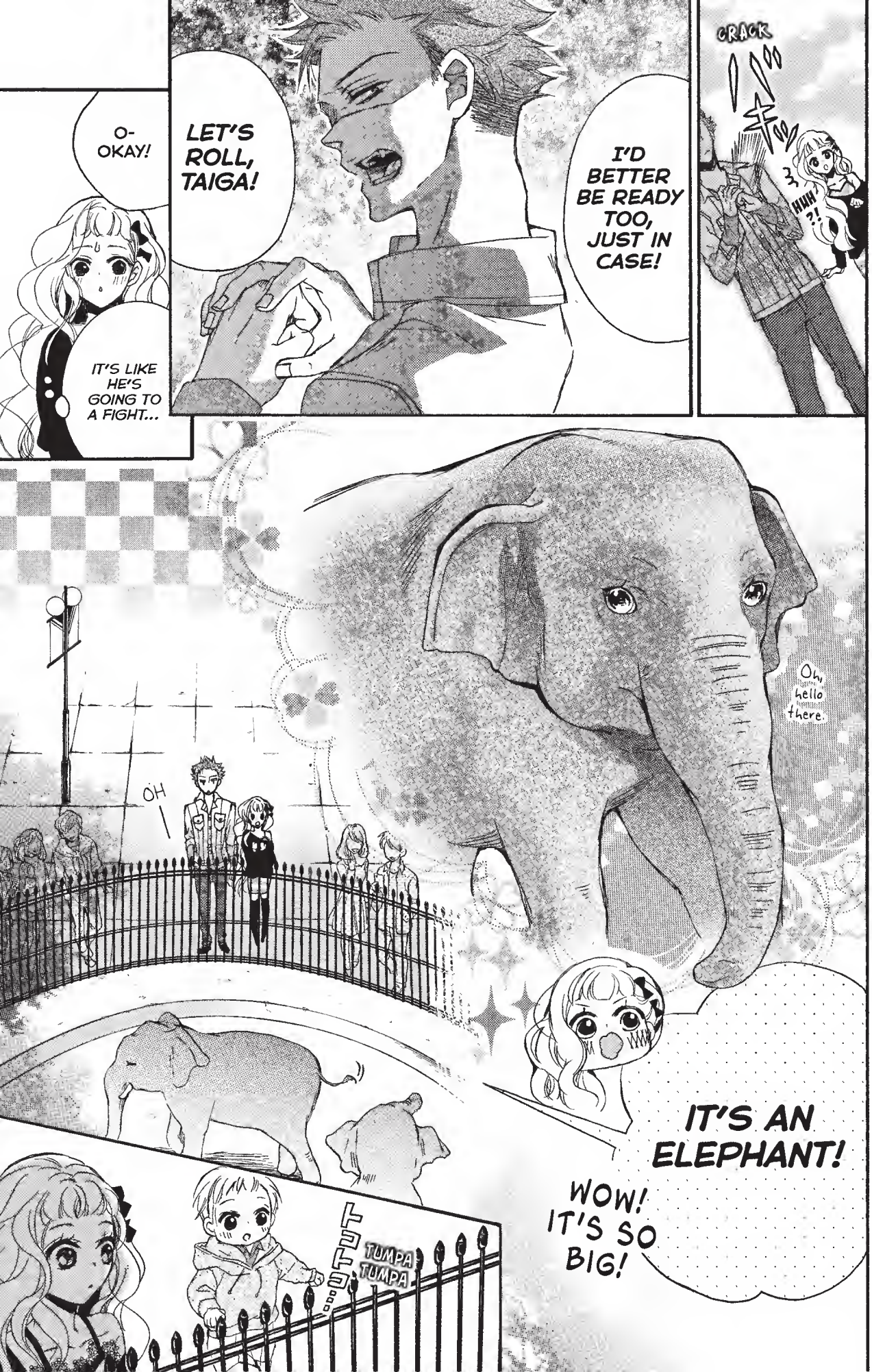
THUMP

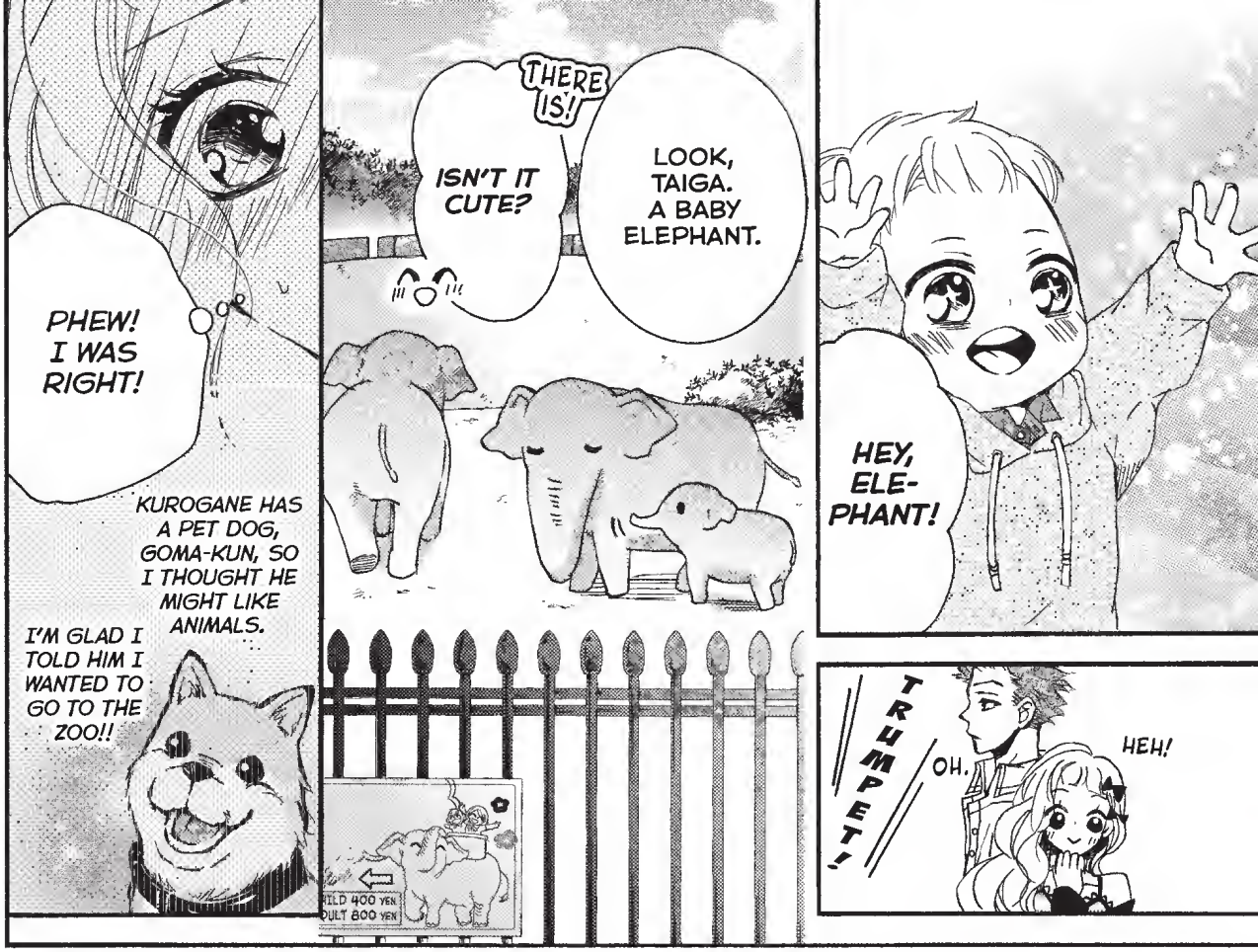

KAZU ZOO
Aha ha ha...
...
CLIP CLOP

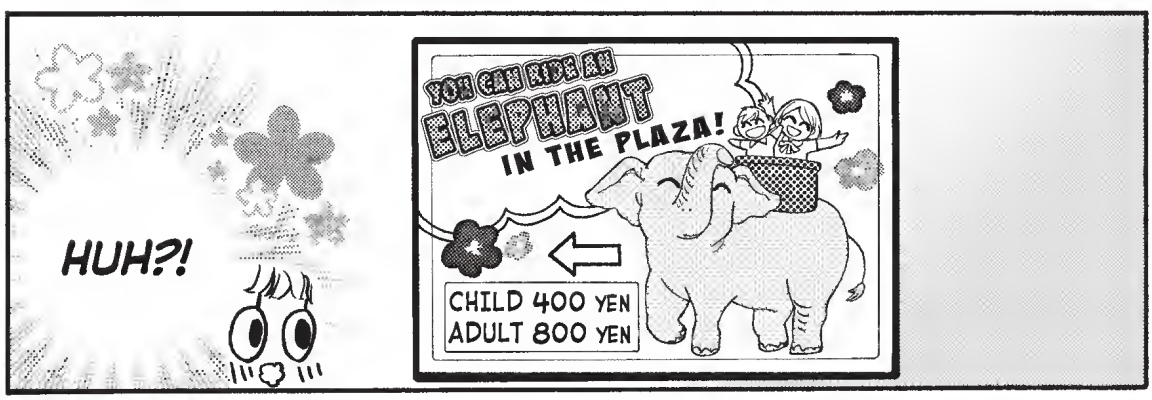
HOW EMBARRASSING! HOW EMBARRASSING!
TOO OBVIOUS?!
IS THIS "I CHOSE IT FOR YOU!" LOOK...!!
THIS IS...
NOT EXACTLY MY FIRST TIME OUT WITH A BOY, BUT!!

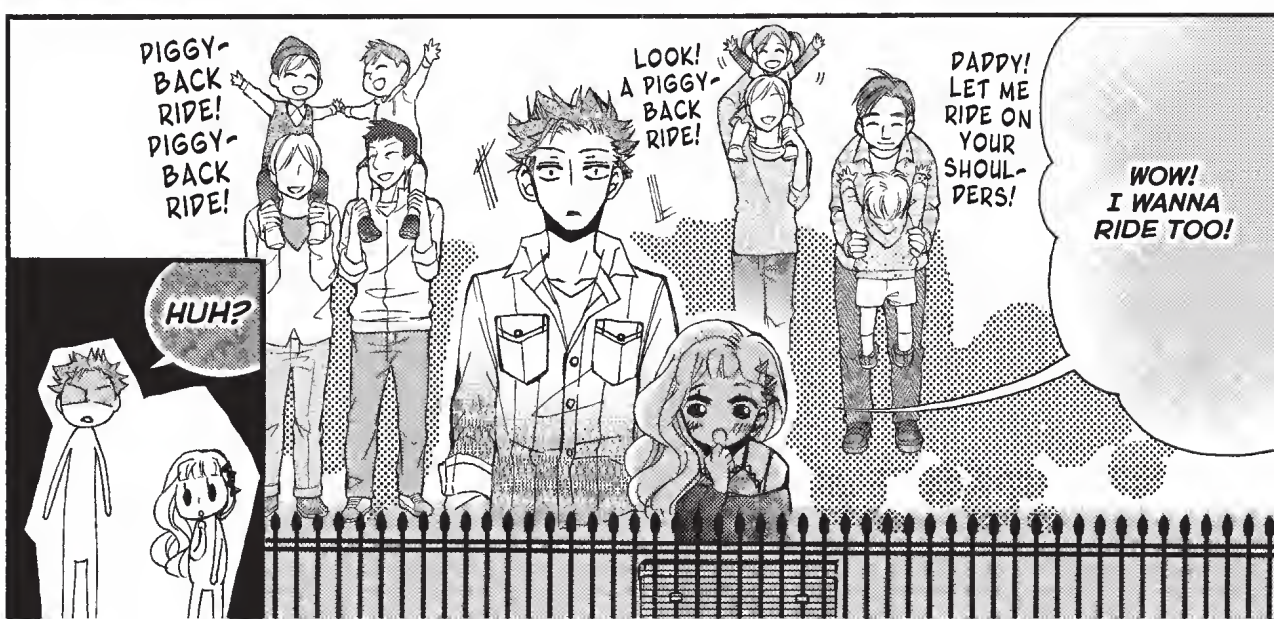

NOT BAD...
POUT
AND HE'S...
NOT MAD, RIGHT?

GLANCE

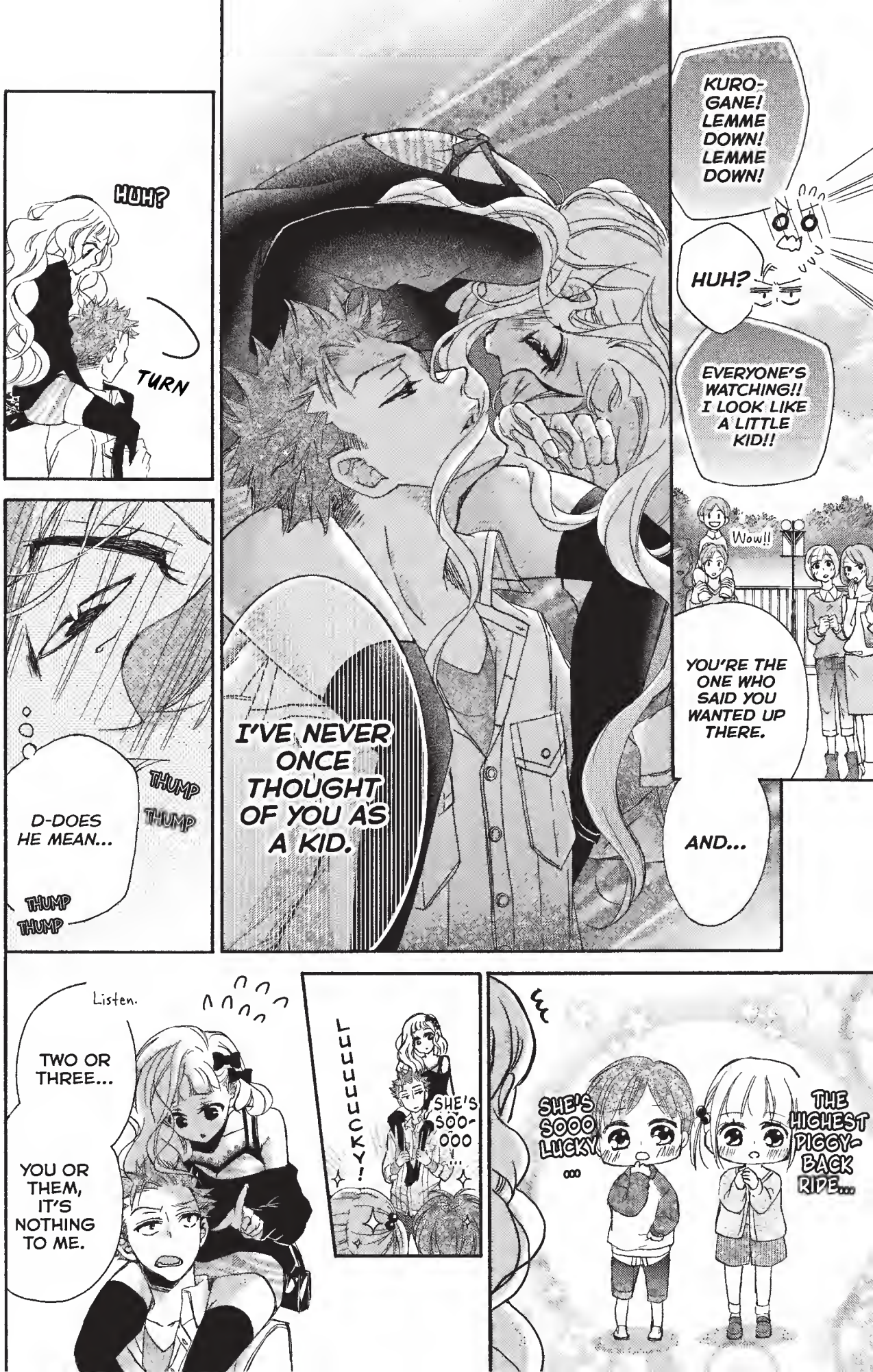

O-OKAY!
IT'S LIKE HE'S GOING TO A FIGHT...
LET'S ROLL, TAIGA!
I'D BETTER BE READY TOO, JUST IN CASE!
CRACK
3, HHH?!
Oh, hello there.
OH
IT'S AN ELEPHANT!
WOW! IT'S SO BIG!
トコトコ...
TUMPA TUMPA

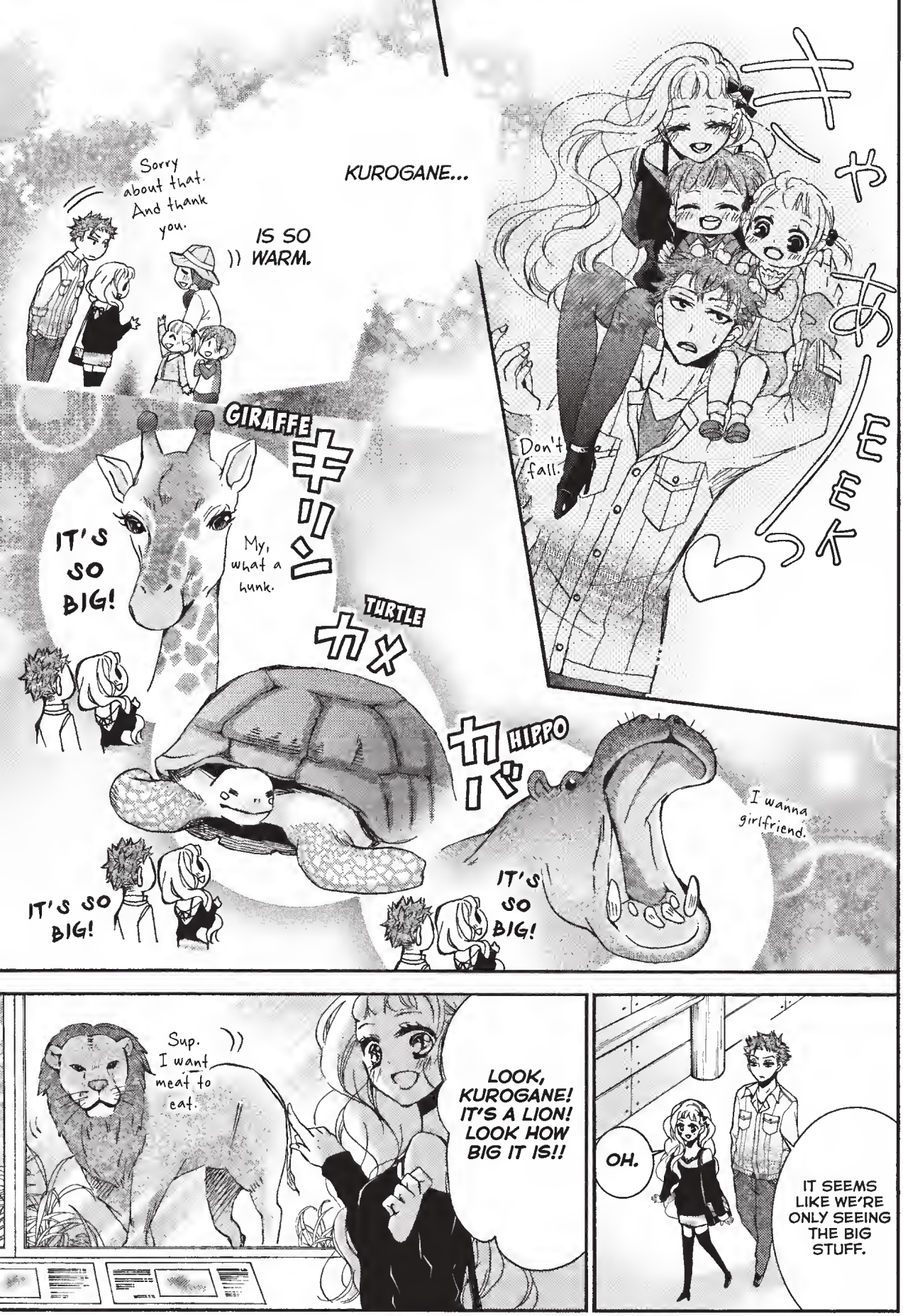

PHEW! I WAS RIGHT!
KUROGANE HAS A PET DOG, GOMA-KUN, SO I THOUGHT HE MIGHT LIKE ANIMALS.
I'M GLAD I TOLD HIM I WANTED TO GO TO THE ZOO!!
LOOK, TAIGA. A BABY ELEPHANT.
ISN'T IT CUTE?
THERE IS!
HEY, ELE-PHANT!
TRUMPET!
OH.
HEH!

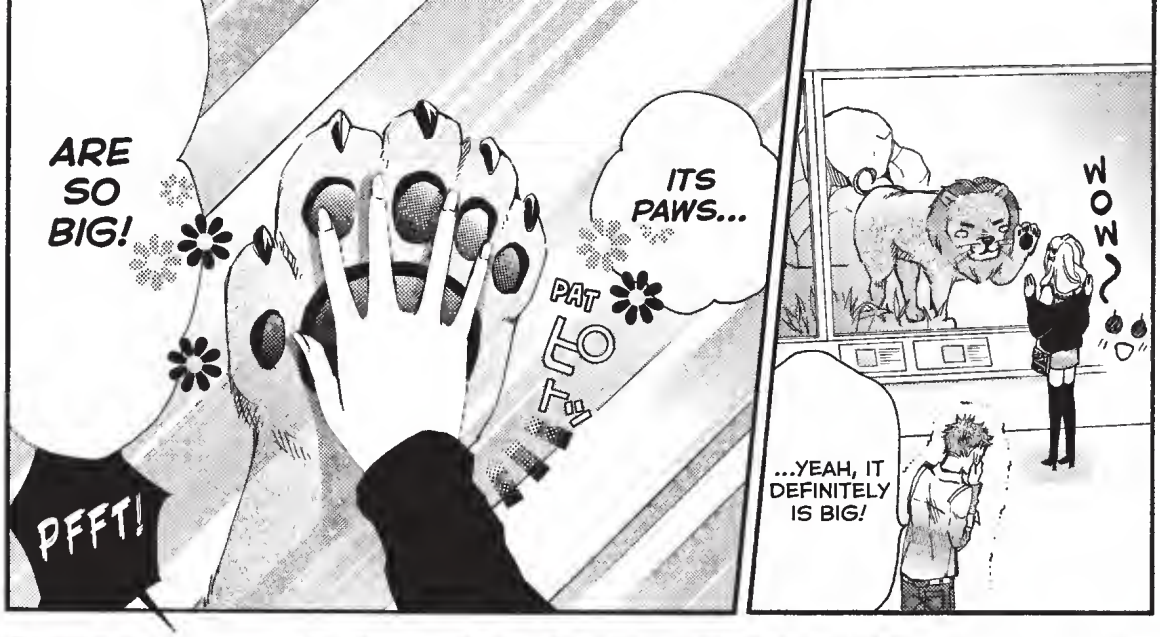

HUH?!
YOU CAN RIDE AN ELEPHANT IN THE PLAZA!
CHILD 400 YEN
ADULT 800 YEN


PIGGY-BACK RIDE! PIGGY-BACK RIDE!
LOOK! A PIGGY-BACK RIDE!
DADDY! LET ME RIDE ON YOUR SHOUL-DERS!
WOW! I WANNA RIDE TOO!
HUH?

...!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
HA!
N-NO!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!! KUROGANE! I-I-I WAS LOOKING AT THE SIGN!! R-RIGHT THERE!! NO! UM!!
OH JEEZ!!
SPROING
WOW!!
THAT LADY'S THE TALLEST!!
She's so lucky!!
SQUEEZED


HUH?
TURN
KURO-GANE! LEMME DOWN! LEMME DOWN!
HUH?
EVERYONE'S WATCHING!! I LOOK LIKE A LITTLE KID!!
I'VE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF YOU AS A KID.
Wow!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED UP THERE.
AND...
D-DOES HE MEAN...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Listen.
TWO OR THREE...
YOU OR THEM, IT'S NOTHING TO ME.
Luuuucky!
SHE'S SOO-OOO...
SHE'S SOOO LUCKY...
THE HIGHEST PIGGY-BACK RIDE...


キャーあぶない
Don't fall.
KUROGANE...
IS SO WARM.
Sorry about that. And thank you.
GIRAFFE キリン
IT'S SO BIG!
My, what a hunk.
TURTLE カメ
IT'S SO BIG!
カバ HIPPO
I wanna girlfriend.
IT'S SO BIG!
Sup. I want meat to eat.
LOOK, KUROGANE! IT'S A LION! LOOK HOW BIG IT IS!!
OH.
IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ONLY SEEING THE BIG STUFF.


WOW~
...YEAH, IT DEFINITELY IS BIG!
ITS PAWS...
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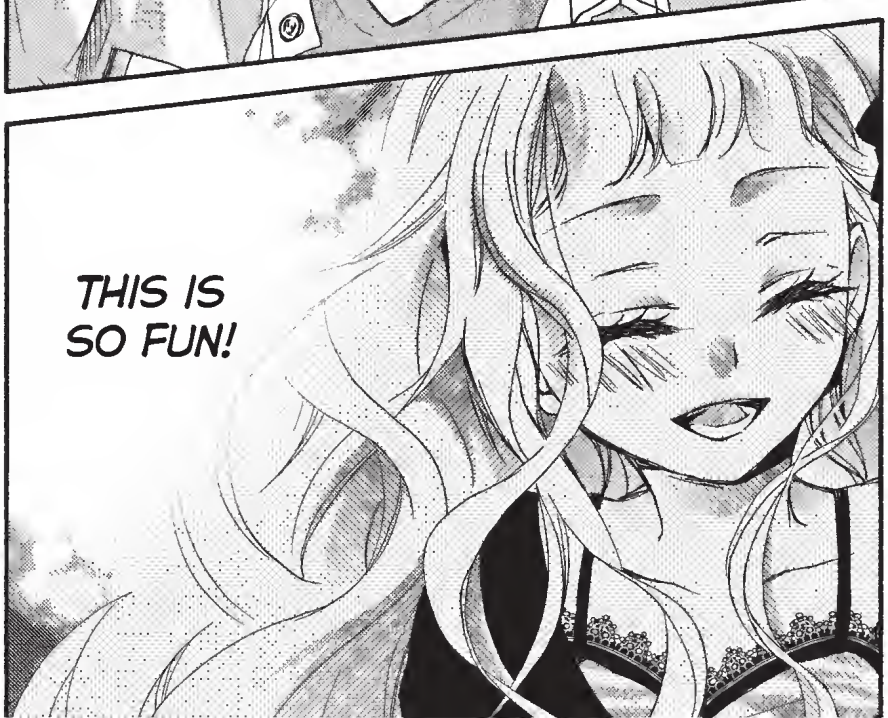
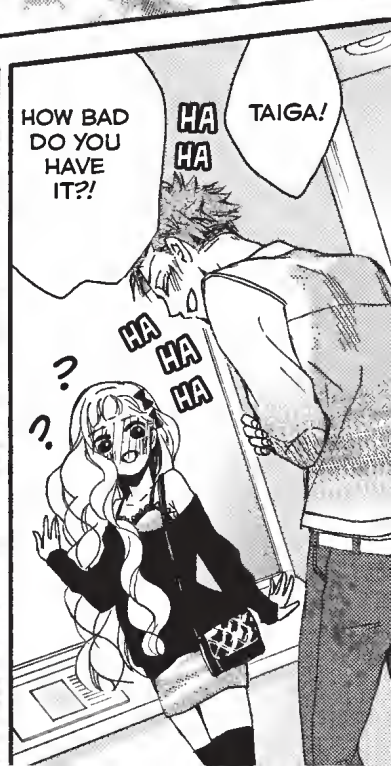
ARE SO BIG!
PFFT!

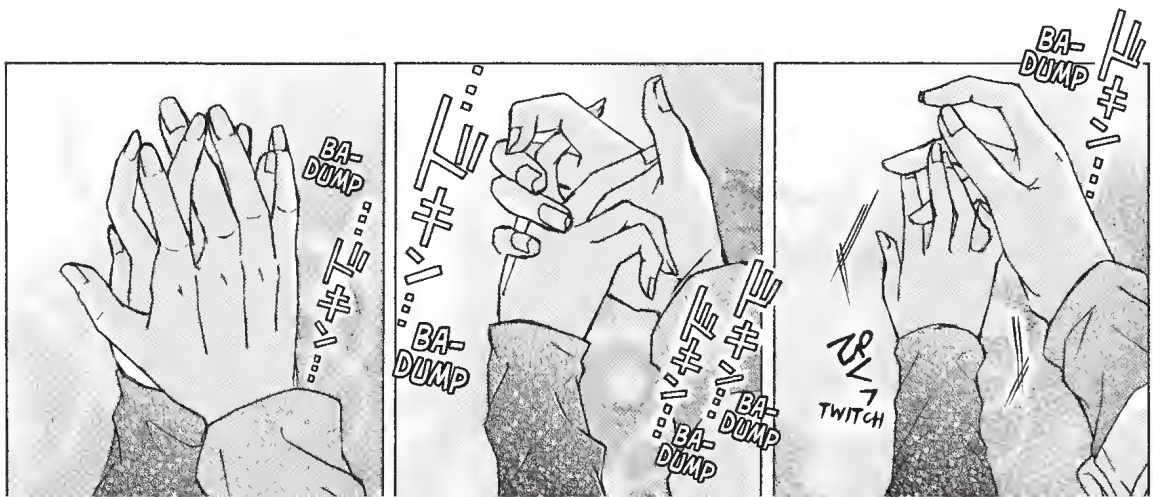
HA HA HA HA!


THIS IS SO FUN!


TAIGA!
HA HA
HOW BAD DO YOU HAVE IT?!
HA HA HA
? ?

I BET I'D BE VERY...
ARE YOU SERIOUS? IT'S BIGGER THAN MINE.
DAT
AH!
IF KURO-GANE WAS ALWAYS AT MY SIDE...
MURMUR MURMUR
I BET I'D ALWAYS HAVE FUN.
HMM?
VERY HAPPY.

I'D TREASURE HIM...
AND HE'D TREASURE ME...
I BET WE'D BE SO HAPPY...


BA-DUMP
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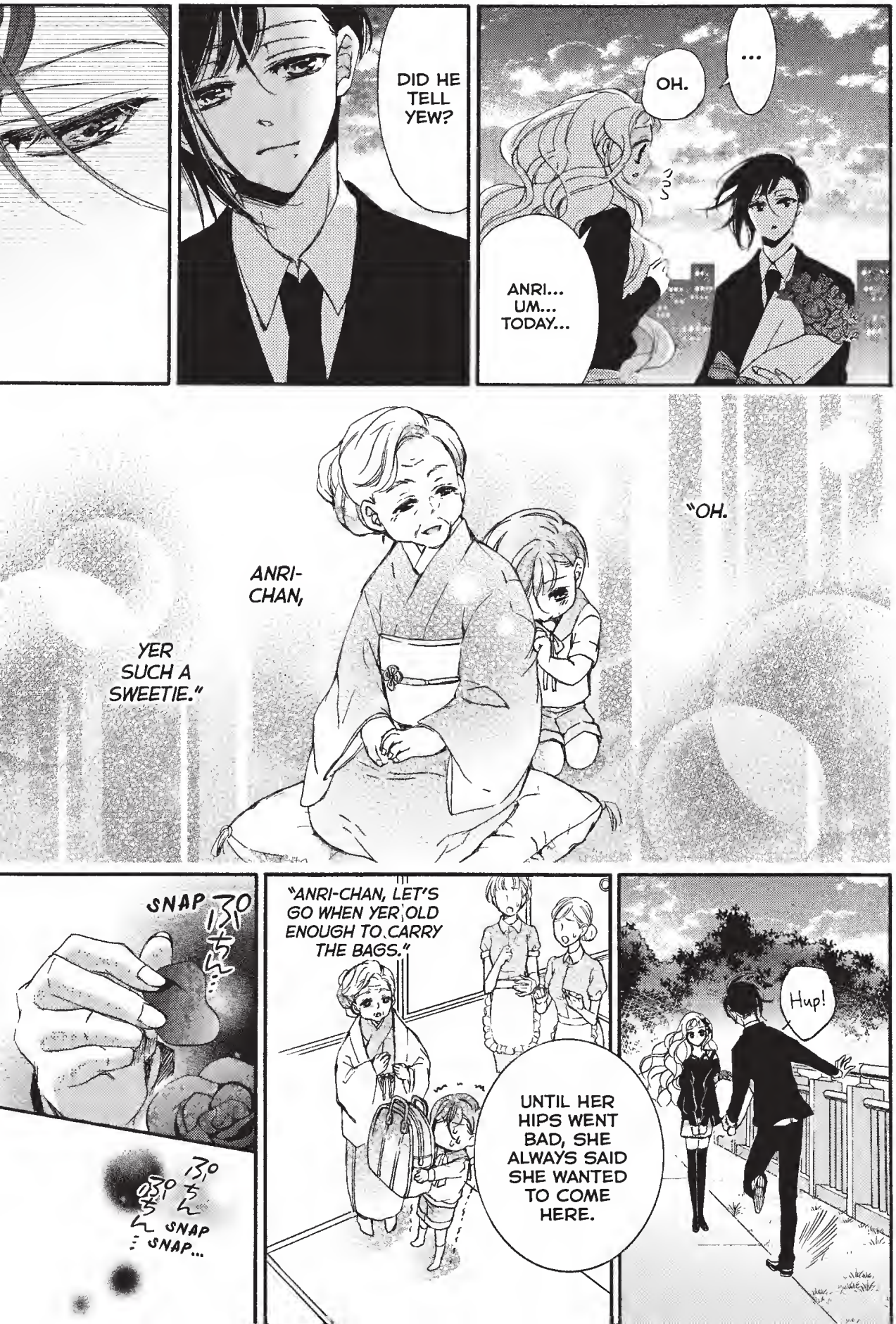
TWITCH

ROAR!
WHAM
EEK!
A-ARE YOU OKAY, TAIGA?
LION PLAZA
THAT SCARED ME...
OH. A SOU-VENIR SHOP.
CAN WE STOP BY THERE FOR A SECOND? I'VE GOTTA BUY A SOUVENIR FOR ANRI.
CHATTER CHATTER
HE WAS ACTING KIND OF FUNNY.
YEAH.

HE WAS SAYING, UM, SOMETHING ABOUT THE 8TH...
HMmmm
...KURO-GANE?
THE 8TH...
OH.
THEN TODAY IS...
YANK
HUH?
KURO-GANE?!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?! KURO-GANE?!
WH-WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

東甲展望台
Sign: Koshin Observation Deck Ahead
TODAY... THE EIGHTH... IS THE DAY HIS GRANDMA...
TAIGA... YOU KNOW ANRI USED TO LIVE IN KYOTO, RIGHT?
...YES.
FOR... CERTAIN REASONS... HE ALWAYS STAYED AT HIS GRAND-MA'S HOUSE IN KYOTO.

...DIED.
ANRI...
TAIGA-CHAN! WHAT ARE YEW DOIN' HERE?
OH, SO KUROGANE SHOWED YEW THE WAY.
I'LL WAIT OVER HERE.


DID HE TELL YEW?
...
OH.
ANRI... UM... TODAY...
"OH.
ANRI-CHAN,
YER SUCH A SWEETIE."
SNAP
ぶちっ...
ぶちっ ぶちっ SNAP SNAP...
"ANRI-CHAN, LET'S GO WHEN YER OLD ENOUGH TO CARRY THE BAGS."
UNTIL HER HIPS WENT BAD, SHE ALWAYS SAID SHE WANTED TO COME HERE.
Hup!

SHHH...
"ANRI-CHAN...
HERE YEW ARE."
"I'M GLAD YEW CAN'T EVER EAT TWO.
THANK YEW, ANRI-CHAN."
"OH. CHOCO-LATE AND STRAW-BERRY!"
"HALF FOR ME? YEW DON'T WANT THE WHOLE THING?"
WHY...
WHY DID YOU INVITE ME WITH YOU ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT DAY?

TUMP
CLIMB よじ
CLIMB よじ
WHA?!
ANRI?!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! THAT'S DANGER-OUS!
SINCE I WAS CALLED BACK TO TOKYO...
I DIDN'T SEE HER ONCE.
I LEFT HER ALL ALONE IN KYOTO.
"OH, ANRI-CHAN.
A BOY WHO'S ABOUT TO GRADUATE MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOULDN'T BE CRYIN'.
DIDN'T I TELL YEW I'VE GOT HELPERS HERE, SO I'LL BE FINE?"
"IT'S OKAY. WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN SOON."
WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO HOME TO...I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE.
SO I FIGURED I'D JUST DISAPPEAR TOO.

BUT THEN I MET YEW, TAIGA-CHAN.
...TH... THAT DAY?!

TO YEW, IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE JUST A COINCIDENCE ...
BUT TO ME, YER SOMEONE WHO WORKED A MIRACLE.

SHHHHH...
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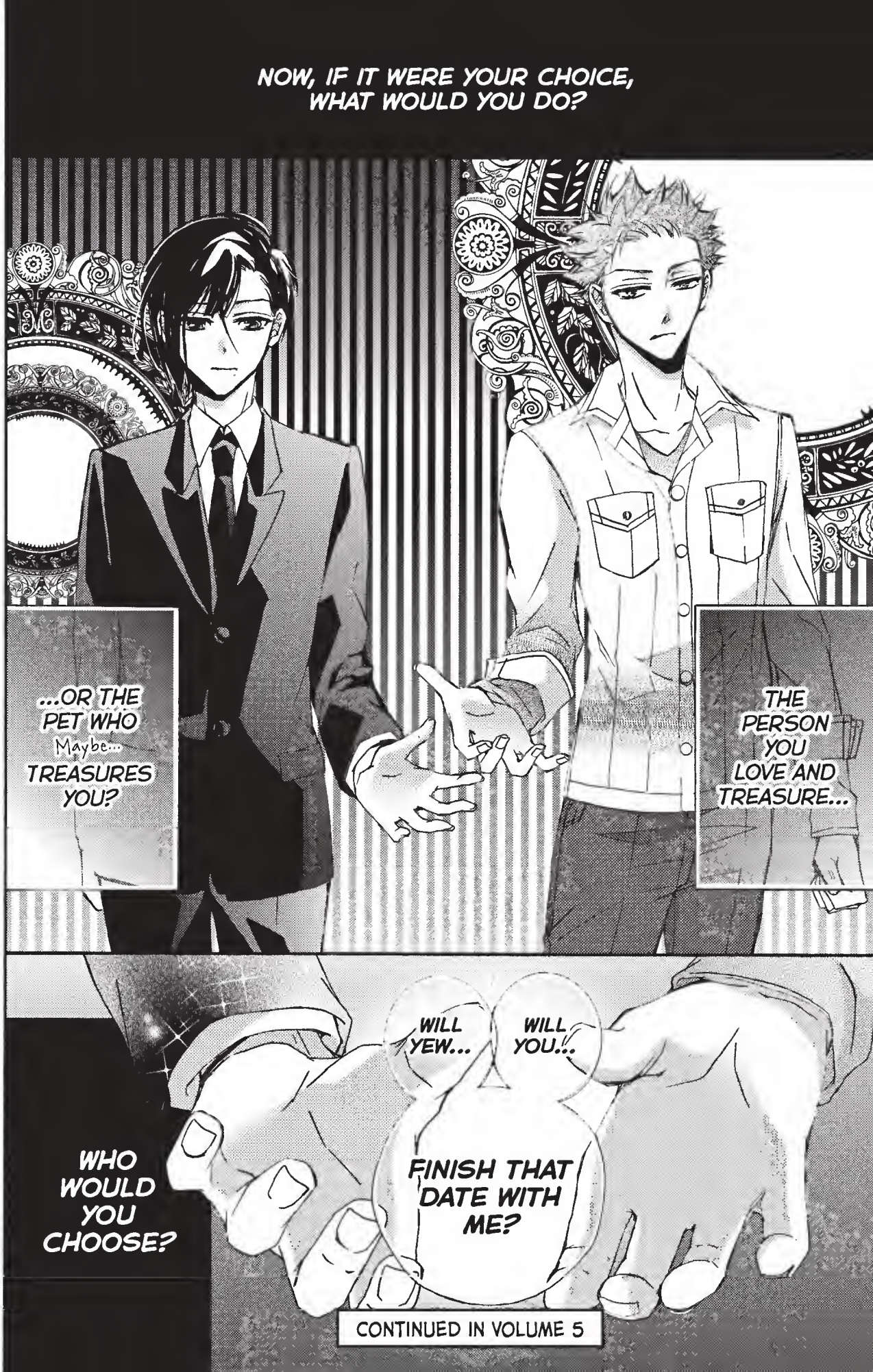
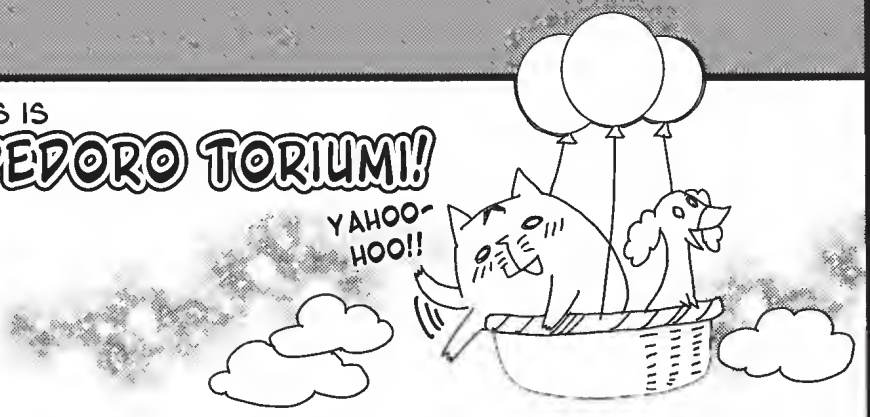
SIGH...
はぁー!!
YER A REAL MORON, KURO-GANE-SAN.
I WAS GONNA LET YEW HAVE HER FOR THE DAY.
...I'LL GO GET KURO-GANE.
I CAN'T STAND NOT BEING FAIR...
TO YOU, ANYWAY.
RUSTLE
!

"BUT TO ME, YER SOMEONE WHO WORKED A MIRACLE."


NOW, IF IT WERE YOUR CHOICE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
...OR THE PET WHO Maybe... TREASURES YOU?
THE PERSON YOU LOVE AND TREASURE...
WILL YEW...
WILL YOU!!
FINISH THAT DATE WITH ME?
WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
CONTINUED IN VOLUME 5

Once again, hello there!

THIS IS
DEDORO TORIUMI!



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" THIS FAR. AFTER MY EDITOR TOLD ME THEY WANTED TO KNOW THE CHARACTERS' BIRTHDAYS AS PART OF NAKAYOSHI MAGAZINE'S FORTUNE-TELLING PROJECT, I PICKED SOME OUT, SO I THOUGHT I'D INCLUDE THEM HERE.

TAIGA:	8/31
ANRI:	3/3
KUROGANE:	11/16
SENA:	12/13
MIKIHITO:	6/10

Me and my editor picked them and we said things like, "He seems like one, right?"

TORIUMI'S KOTARO

Miniature Dachshund (Male)

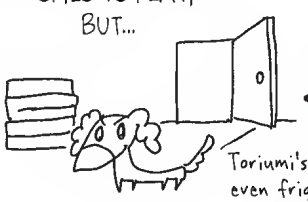
KOTARO-SAN IS AT THAT AGE WHERE HE HAS A LOT TO THINK ABOUT. SO HOW DOES KOTARO-SAN ACT WHILE TORIUMI IS WORKING?

WHILE WORKING, TORIUMI STAYS AT THE OFFICE ALLLLL THE TIME AND DOESN'T COME HOME.

IT HELPS ME GROUND MYSELF.

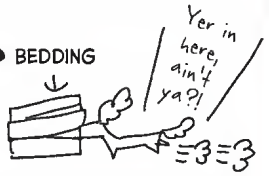
Lately, I've been sleeping on the floor.

SO WHILE TORIUMI'S GONE, KOTARO-SAN COMES TO PLAY, BUT...



TORIUMI HAS VANISHED!

BUT KOTARO-SAN DOESN'T GIVE UP! AFTER LOOKING THROUGH ALL THE ROOMS...



HE APPARENTLY ISN'T SATISFIED TORIUMI'S REALLY GONE UNTIL SHOVING HIS HEAD INTO THE MOUNTAIN OF BEDDING TO CHECK THERE TOO.

ABOUT THE EDITOR SUDA-SAN

MY EDITOR SUDA-SAN WILL FIND GOOD POINTS IN THE DRAWINGS, PLOT, OR STORY-BOARDING AND PRAISE THE HECK OUT OF THEM.

ANYWAY, SHE PRAISES ME. SHE PRAISES THE HECK OUT OF STUFF. **EVEN IF IT'S ALL REJECTED.**

SHE'S SO GOOD AT COMPLIMENTS AND HAS SUCH A WAY WITH WORDS!

IT MAKES ME SO, SO HAPPY.

BUT FOR SOME REASON... I'M SO NOT USED TO BEING COMPLIMENTED...

I WISH I COULD GO ALL OUT LIKE THIS...

THAT, FOR NOW, THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO...!!

I mean, come on! "Buh-huh"? A grown adult saying, "Buh-huh"?

Thanks for everything, Suda-san. And I'm sorry.

Continued!

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A LITTLE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" VOLUME 3!!

We've got an announcement about...no, not volume 4, which you're reading... but the digital version of volume 3.

THERE'S A DIGITAL VERSION OF "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" AS WELL, BUT THE DIGITAL VERSION IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PAPER VERSION!!

It's number 12 in the installment version with the pink cover!

((WHAT EXACTLY DOES THIS MEAN?))

THERE IS A PAGE THAT WAS REJECTED FOR BEING TOO EROTIC FOR THE MAGAZINE AND PAPERBACK VERSIONS... THAT WAS INCLUDED.
SO YOU CAN ONLY SEE IT IN THE DIGITAL VERSION.

THANKS TO MY EDITOR AND THE STAFF IN THE EDITING DEPARTMENT.

SO ALL OF YOU WHO READ THE PAPER EDITIONS, PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!!

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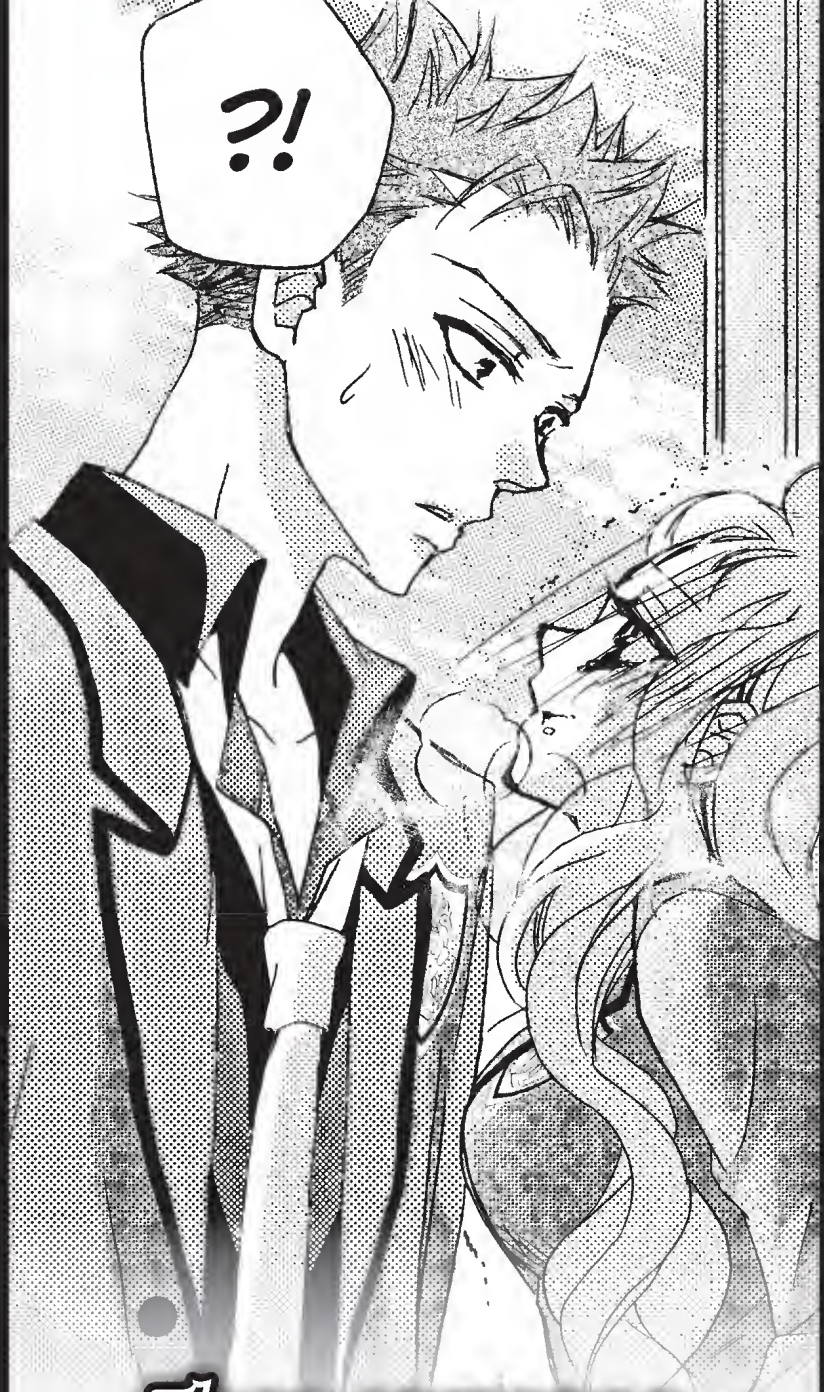

Obviously I'm choosing Kurogane. I want to take his hand right this second, but...

Then someone makes an assault with a totally ridiculous instigation?!

Taiga finally ends up in Anri's hands?!

You can't argue with a beast that has revealed its true intentions.

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